



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 am - 10:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, and Donna Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Bruce Ferrell which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Brandon Dickson focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (4:00 pm-7:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Scott Briggaman focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

6. Clark Howard (Monday – Friday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

7. Open Line with Tom Kearney (Monday - Friday 9 pm -10 pm)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are

taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Monday – Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 am, Saturday, to 7:00 am)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News: WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Weekend Gardener:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am – 11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

14. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

15. The Trader's Edge (Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and Sunday's, 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

Sponsored by "Online Trading Academy, this regionally syndicated, "paid," program, hosted by Scott Tansill, advises investors on methods and strategies to make money in the stock market.

16. The Financial Planning Hour with Rick Parkes (Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and effective March 8, 2014)

This locally produced call in program highlights financial expert Rick Parkes, who helps people keep their money and create a plan that will ensure that they do not outlive their money but live a comfortable life in retirement.

17. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – effective March 8, 2014)

Locally produced call in show that centers on topical news and debate on anything from entertainment to the latest in politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

18. The Money Pit Home Improvement Show (Saturdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated and hosted by Leslie Segrete and Tom Kraeutler, Money Pit gives listeners advice and information on making home improvements, and solving home repair and maintenance troubles.

19. Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline (Saturdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated "Into Tomorrow" covers the latest in consumer electronics and technology. The program, hosted by Dave Graveline, is a dynamic blend of listener interaction and insightful and informative guests speaking on a variety of topics related to technology.

20. Sunday Morning Music (Sundays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

There's nothing better to start a Sunday Morning than light, reflective music. Paul Michels hosts.

21. Carolina Newsmakers (Sundays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, programming highlighting local and state newsmakers discussing various topics. Hosted by Don Curtis.

22. Sunday Morning Magazine (Sundays, 8:00 am – 8:30 am)

Hosted by Don Curtis, this locally produced program reviews various stories in the news. Don is joined by Jason Kong, and Brian Freeman who comment on the stories presented.

23. Living in the Light with Anne Graham Lotz (Sundays, 8:30 am – 9:00 am)

Anne Graham Lotz is an American Christian evangelist and the second daughter of evangelist Billy Graham and his wife Ruth Graham. In this weekly 30-minute program, Anne allows listeners to get to know God personally, intimately...as His friend - living in the light of His Word.

24. People in Politics (Sunday's, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

A locally produced, public affairs, program that centers on what's happening in state government political circles. Hosted by Donna Martinez.

25. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 10:00 am - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts the Sunday morning worship services of Duke Chapel, 10 am and Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays at 11 am.

26. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

Host "Trader Dave" Alexander takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to announce items they have for sale.

27. The Wine Crush (Sundays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

The Wine Crush is a one hour dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle program that not only explains and demystifies the world of wine, but demonstrates how wine can be integrated with everyday life. Host Laura Lawson is a veteran in the wine business who manages to couple her vast wine knowledge with her unique sense of humor and tactful sarcasm.

28. For Your Ears Only (Sundays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

For Your Ears Only (formerly Newsweek on Air) is a weekly radio program highlighting various items in the news. Anchored by David M. Alpern and Isaac Davy Aronson.

29. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

30. 60 Minutes

(Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

31. That Cancer Show

(Sundays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center presents a forum for conversations about the cancer journey. The host-guest call-in show, called That Cancer Show™, provides the Triangle community an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their personal experiences with cancer.

32. Hall of Fame

(Sundays, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Curtis Media's founder, Don Curtis, takes listeners down a trip on Memory Lane with the hit songs of the past and the inside story about artists and the tunes.

33. NASCAR and NASCAR Live**(Schedule varies)**

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

AC	Arts & Culture	HSM	Health, Safety and Medical Affairs
CD	Crime/Drugs	HO	Housing
CR	Civil Rights & Activism	IA	International Affairs
EC	Economy/Employment	NS	National Security
ED	Education	PA	Political Affairs
EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SO	Social Media
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads	SP	Sports/Games/Races

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

JULY 1 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RALEIGH CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS TED KUNSTLING, GRIFF BARTLETT AND BRUCE MILLER REFLECT ON THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG ON THE 151ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES BEGINNING- AC

JULY 7 – COMMUTERS IN AND OUT OF RALEIGH HAVE BEEN DRIVING BY PNC ARENA FOR MANY YEARS NOW. AFTER SEEING THE BUILDING EVERY DAY YOU MAY FORGET ABOUT THE IMPACT THE FACILITY HAS ON THE REGION. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH LEADERS AT PNC ARENA TO GET A LOOK AT WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE BUILDING. PART 1 OF THE SERIES LOOKS AT THE BACKGROUND OF PNC. AC

JULY 8 – COMMUTERS IN AND OUT OF RALEIGH HAVE BEEN DRIVING BY PNC ARENA FOR MANY YEARS NOW. AFTER SEEING THE BUILDING EVERY DAY YOU MAY FORGET ABOUT THE IMPACT THE FACILITY HAS ON THE REGION. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH LEADERS AT PNC ARENA TO GET A LOOK AT WHAT'S COMING

UP AT THE BUILDING. PART 2 OF THE SERIES LOOKS AT SOME OBSTACLES OFFICIALS WITH PNC FACE WHEN COMPETING WITH OTHER VENUES. AC

JULY 9 – THE AMERICAN IDOL TOUR COMES TO DPAC THIS SUNDAY AND TWO NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE OUT ON TOUR... THIS YEAR'S A-I WINNER -- ASHEVILLE'S CALEB JOHNSON AND GOLDSBORO NATIVE MAJESTY ROSE... IN PART ONE OF A TWO PART CHAT, WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON CAUGHT UP WITH MAJESTY ABOUT LIFE ON THE ROAD. AC

JULY 9 – THE STATE FILM OFFICE IS ONE OF SEVERAL COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS SET TO MOVE TO A NEW PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL OVERSEE MUCH OF THE MARKETING AND JOB-RECRUITMENT. BUT, AMID THE ONGOING DEBATE WHETHER TO OFFER STATE INCENTIVES TO FILM AND TV PRODUCTIONS, THE HEAD OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FILM OFFICE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS IS RESIGNING. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE FILM OFFICE'S OUTGOING DIRECTOR, AARON SYRETT, WHO SAYS HE WAS OFFERED A JOB WITH THE NEW NONPROFIT BUT TURNED IT DOWN. AC

JULY 15 – DUKE SPINE SURGEON OREN GOTTFRIED SEES THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS AND PRESIDES OVER HUNDREDS OF SURGERIES EACH YEAR. BUT IN HIS SPARE TIME HE HELPS HOLLYWOOD AS A CONSULTANT ON SHOWS THAT HAVE MEDICAL COMPONENTS TO THEIR STORIES. JOSH ZACH CAUGHT UP WITH DR. GOTTFRIED TO TALK ABOUT HIS CREATIVE SIDE, AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TONIGHT'S EPISODE OF USA NETWORK'S "ROYAL PAINS," THAT HAS TIES TO NORTH CAROLINA. AC

JULY 18 – IF YOU WANT TO ENJOY THE COOLER TEMPERATURES OF THE MOUNTAINS, THERE ARE SOME FUN THINGS TO FILL THE TIME AS BRUCE FERRELL FINDS OUT FROM FAYE MITCHELL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

JULY 22 – THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO HAVE AN EXOTIC ANIMAL AS A DOMESTIC PET. HOWEVER, THOSE WHO TAKE IN AN EXOTIC ALMOST ALWAYS HAVE TO SURRENDER IT. THAT'S WHY THE FOLKS FROM BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG ARE TOURING NORTH CAROLINA WITH A FEW ANIMAL AMBASSADORS ... TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT WILD CREATURES ... THEY STOPPED AT THE WPTF STUDIOS WHERE JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH BUSCH GARDENS ZOOLOGIST JAY TACEY. AC

JULY 24 – ACCORDING TO THE ASPCA, UP TO 47 PERCENT U.S. HOUSEHOLDS HAVE A DOG, AND MORE THAN A THIRD HAVE A CAT. SOME GO OFF THE BEATEN PATH WITH BIRDS OR FISH, THEN THERE'S A FEW WHO GO COMPLETELY OFF THE RAILS WITH SKUNKS, BOBCATS AND EVEN TIGERS. THAT'S WHY THE ANIMAL EXPERTS FROM BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG ARE TOURING NORTH CAROLINA ... TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT WILD CREATURES, AND WHY THEY DON'T MAKE GREAT PETS -- ZOOLOGIST JAY TACEY MADE A PIT STOP AT THE WPTF STUDIOS INTRODUCED JOSH ZACH TO A FEW OF THEIR EXOTIC CREATURES AC

JULY 25 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - TRIVIA NIGHT'S TRIBUTE TO JAMES GARNER - AC

JULY 25 – IF YOU STILL HAVE ROOM ON YOUR WEEKEND CALENDAR, WE'VE GOT SOME IDEAS --- BRUCE FERRELL VISIT WITH FAYE MITCHELL WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

JULY 28 – JAMES BROWN, KNOWN AS THE GODFATHER OF SOUL, INSPIRED MANY ARTISTS FROM THE STAGE. HIS SON, DARYL BROWN, DISCUSSES WITH MITCH KOKAI, SITTING IN FOR BILL LUMAYE ON OUR SISTER SISTER STATION TALK RADIO 850, ABOUT WHAT MANY DON'T KNOW ABOUT JAMES BROWN. AC

JULY 31 – IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE TO LOVE A PARTICULAR FOOD AND EAT IT EVERY DAY, BUT THEN DECIDE THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH OF IT TO LAST A LIFETIME AND NEVER TOUCH IT AGAIN. WHAT IS UNUSUAL IS WHEN WE SEE A BROAD RETREAT AMONG MANY AMERICANS WHEN IT COMES TO SEVERAL ONCE-POPULAR FOODS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. AC

JULY 31 – SINGER SONGWRITER DAVID GRAY COMES TO PERFORM IN RALEIGH COMING UP IN AUGUST AT THE RED HAT AMPHITHEATER. DEMITRI RAVANOS OF THE MORNING DRIVE INTERVIEWS DAVID AND ASKS HIM ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN ARTIST. AC

AUGUST 4 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- THE HOST DISCUSSES THE HISTORY OF WPTF THROUGH 1950-AC

AUGUST 4 – KEY WATERGATE FIGURE JOHN DEAN TAKES A FRESH LOOK AT WHAT HISTORY SHOWS FROM DISGRACED PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON FROM THE HOURS OF RECORDINGS FROM A SECRET TAPING SYSTEM. FORMER NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF STATE RUFUS EDMISTEN --

WHO SERVED AS COUNSEL TO SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAM ERVIN -- TALKED ABOUT DEAN WITH TOM KEARNEY. AC

AUGUST 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST TONY RIGGSBEE OUTLINES THE HISTORY OF WPTF PROGRAMS AND PERSONALITIES FROM THE 1950'S TO 1970'S-AC

AUGUST 6 – THE CITY OF RALEIGH'S PUBLIC ART AND DESIGN BOARD IS MOVING FORWARD ON PLANS TO CREATE SITE-SPECIFIC PUBLIC ART FOR FIRE STATION 12. KIM CURRY-EVANS, PUBLIC ART COORDINATOR TALKED WITH BRUCE FERRELL ABOUT THE ARTIST AND WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT. AC

AUGUST 8 – THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO IS ROARING WITH EXCITEMENT, AS A LION HAS GIVEN BIRTH AT THE ZOO FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE OCTOBER 2006. THE ZOO IS ALSO MARKING WORLD LION DAY ON SATURDAY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH JENNIFER IRELAND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO IN ASHEBORO. AC

AUGUST 11 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MARGARET MARON DISCUSSES HER NEW MYSTERY NOVEL "DESIGNATED DAUGHTERS"-AC

AUGUST 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WPTF PERSONALITY MIKE RALEY REFLECTS ON HIS 40 YEARS OF WPTF HISTORY-AC

AUGUST 19 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LONG-TIME NEWSMAN MIKE BLACKMAN REVIEWS HIS 35+ YEARS AT WPTF-AC

AUGUST 20 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DICK STORCK-GENERAL FACTOTUM AND "VOICE OF THE RECORD VAULT" DISCUSSES HIS 20+ YEARS AT WPTF-AC

AUGUST 20 – THE FIFTH ANNUAL RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S 50-K AND 100-K MEMORIAL RIDE IS COMING UP THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH DENNIS LANE, RETIRED MAJOR FROM R-P-D WHO IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE R-P-D MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT. AC

AUGUST 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MAN OF MUSIC JOE NEWBERRY VISITS-AC

AUGUST 26 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOB FARRINGTON, WPTF NEWS DIRECTOR IN THE 1960'S AND 1970'S, LOOKS AT WPTF'S HISTORY DURING HIS DAYS AT THE STATION-AC

AUGUST 27 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TED DANIEL, WPTF STAFF ANNOUNCER FROM 1955-1960, RECALLS THE PEOPLE AND PERSONALITIES OF HIS TIME AT WPTF-AC

AUGUST 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-CHARLES STEGALL WHO DURING 32 YEARS AT WPTF WORE MANY "HATS" INCLUDING PROGRAM DIRECTOR REFLECTS ON HIS TIME AT THE STATION-AC

AUGUST 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW TRIVIA TIME WITH STEVE KEARNEY-AC

SEPTEMBER 1 – WITH RALEIGH MAKING IT ONTO SO MANY LISTS ... BEST PLACE TO WORK, BEST PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY, BEST PLACE FOR RUNNING A BUSINESS ... WE SOMETIMES GET LOST IN THE FANFARE AND FORGET THAT NOT EVERYONE HAS IT SO GOOD. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TAYLOR DOWNS FROM NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES TO LEARN HOW THEIR ORGANIZATION IS HELPING "THOSE IN NEED" WITH FOOD, HOUSING AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. AC

SEPTEMBER 1 – THIS WEEK PATRICIA SIMMONS, FORMERLY OF THE AKRON ZOO IN OHIO, TAKES OVER AS THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT THE NEW DIRECTOR FROM OUTGOING DIRECTOR DAVID JONES. AC

SEPTEMBER 1 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW- PLAYBACK OF 1972 BART RITNER INTERVIEW OF RETIRING (AFTER 38 YEARS) WPTF PROGRAM DIRECTOR GRAHAM POYNTER RETRACING SOME WPTF HISTORY-AC

SEPTEMBER 8 – IT'S ALMOST FALL, WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO START LOOKING TO THE TREES FOR ALL THE CHANGING COLORS THAT COME WITH THE AUTUMN SEASON. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH KATHY MATHEWS- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT WESTERN CAROLINA AND FALL FOLIAGE PREDICTOR- TO FIND WHAT WE WILL SEE THIS YEAR. AC

SEPTEMBER 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST TONY RIGGSBEE GIVES A "PLAY-BY-PLAY" OF SPORTS BROADCASTING IN WPTF'S 90 YEARS-AC

SEPTEMBER 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FORMER WPTF AIR PERSONALITY DONNA MASON RECOUNT HER TIME AT WPTF-AC

SEPTEMBER 10 – ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN RALEIGH. BRUCE FERRELL HAS MORE. AC

SEPTEMBER 11 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JIM CLARK OF THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW RERUN WATCHERS CLUB PREVIEWS "MAYBERRY DAYS" IN MT. AIRY-AC

SEPTEMBER 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FORMER WPTF GENERAL MANAGER BRYAN MCINTYRE ON HIS YEARS AT WPTF AND PROGRAMMING CHANGES IN THE 1980'S-AC

SEPTEMBER 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LONG-TIME HOST OF THE WPTF MORNING SHOW MAURY O'DELL ON HIS YEARS AT THE STATION-AC

SEPTEMBER 18 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-AWARD WINNING FARM BROADCASTER JOHNNIE HOOD TRACES THE HISTORY OF FARM BROADCASTING ON WPTF-AC

SEPTEMBER 19 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FORMER WPTF STAFF DICK STORCK, TONY RIGGSBEE, AND JOHNNIE HOOD AND CURRENT STAFF MIKE RALEY AND TOM KEARNEY SHARE SOME STATION HISTORY-AC

SEPTEMBER 22-TOM KEARNEY SHOW-A BIRTHDAY POTPOURRI OF ITEMS FROM WPTF'S 90 YEAR PAST-AC

SEPTEMBER 25-TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DOUG AND AUSTIN MATTOX ON PHILATELY AND NUMISMATICS-AC

SEPTEMBER 26-TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW TRIVIA IN HONOR OF 25 YEARS OF "MAYBERRY DAYS" IN MT. AIRY-AC

SEPTEMBER 30 – THE INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE WORLD OF BLUEGRASS CONVENTION IN RALEIGH FROM SEPTEMBER 30TH THROUGH OCTOBER 4TH. WPTF'S SCOTT DUNCAN SPOKE WITH ONE OF THE ARTISTS THAT WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE EVENT'S MUSIC SHOWCASES. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

JULY 1 – THE BODY OF A RALEIGH-AREA TEEN WHO DISAPPEARED IN THE OCEAN OFF THE CURRITUCK OUTER BANKS OVER THE WEEKEND WAS RECOVERED MONDAY MORNING. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SAM WALKER FROM OUTER BANKS VOICE DOT COM. CD

JULY 8 – TODAY IN DURHAM ACCUSED MURDERER MICHAEL PETERSON WILL BE IN COURT. POLICE CLAIM HE KILLED HIS WIFE IN 2001. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS ON A JUDGE GIVING HIM A NEW TRIAL. CD

JULY 9 – THE FAMILY OF FRANKEA (FRANK-EE-UH) DABBS IS OPENING UP ON THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS CHARGED WITH ABANDONING HER BABY ON A NEW YORK SUBWAY CITY PLATFORM. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS SPOKE WITH FRANKEA'S FATHER AND AUNT. CD

JULY 10 – THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL ALONG WITH THE DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION RELEASED THEIR TOTALS FOR "ON THE ROAD, ON THE WATER, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE" CAMPAIGN FOR THE PERIOD OF FRIDAY, JULY 4 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 6. THE CAMPAIGN NETTED MORE THAN 600 DWI OFFENDERS ON THE ROAD AND ON THE WATER.THERE WERE ALSO MORE THAN 1900 SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS.... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH TROOPER MIKE BAKER OF THE NC HIGHWAY PATROL. CD

JULY 11 – THE CITY OF RALEIGH ON THURSDAY HELD ITS OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW CRITICAL SAFETY FACILITY THAT WILL BE BUILT ON A CITY-OWNED SIX-ACRE PLOT BETWEEN WESTINGHOUSE BLVD. AND BRENTWOOD ROAD. AT THE CEREMONY -- AND SPEAKING POETICALLY ABOUT

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW BUILDING -- WAS BARRY FUREY, DIRECTOR OF THE RALEIGH-WAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT. CENTER. CD

JULY 14 – AN 89 YEAR OLD IS SPEAKING OPENLY AND FRANKLY ABOUT SHOOTING ONE OF HIS TENANTS. CALVIN RAY SR. SAYS HE SHOT 47 YEAR OLD JEFF MITCHELL ON HIS PORCH SATURDAY IN SELF DEFENSE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ SAYS THIS ALL STARTED WITH A BROKEN AC UNIT. CD

JULY 15 – WHILE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL NOT FILE CHARGES AGAINST THE MAN WHO SHOT A KILLED SOMEONE WHO WAS AT HIS DOOR THE FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS SON WHO WITNESSED THE SHOOTING ARE TELLING A DIFFERENT STORY, HERE'S JOEL BROWN FROM WTVD. CD

JULY 16 – THE MAN INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF A UNC SPORTS BROADCASTER MORE THAN A DECADE AGO WAS IN COURT AGAIN TUESDAY -- ON HIS MOST RECENT DWI CASE -- AS SO WAS THE MOTHER OF THE VICTIM OF THAT TRAGIC ACCIDENT BACK IN 2003. ED CRUMP FROM WTVD PICKS UP THE STORY. CD

JULY 16 – DURHAM POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

JULY 22 – THE CHILLING 9-1-1 CALLS TO FAMILY MEMBERS DISCOVERED TWO BODIES IN A HOME WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY. POLICE AREN'T RELEASING ANY NEW INFORMATION, BUT THE CALLS MAY HELP PIECE TOGETHER WHAT HAPPENED. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVEREZ REPORTS. CD

JULY 22 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DAVID KIRKMAN AND CAROLINE FARMER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY - GENERAL'S OFFICE DISCUSS PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT - CD

JULY 23 – THERE WAS SOME EXPLOSIVE TESTIMONY IN THE LAURENCE LOVETTE TRIAL TUESDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS. CD

JULY 24 – A BUS IN DURHAM WAS SHAKEN BY A SMALL HOME-MADE BOMB ON TUESDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE REPORTS POLICE ARE NOW ON THE SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS. CD

JULY 31 – THREE PEOPLE ARE DEAD, THREE DEPUTIES WOUNDED IN A SHOOTOUT AT A MOBILE HOME PARK OUTSIDE FAYETTEVILLE WEDNESDAY MORNING. AUTHORITIES SAID THE INCIDENT BEGAN AROUND 7 A.M. WITH A DOMESTIC DISPUTE BETWEEN 41-YEAR-OLD ANDREW MICHAELIS AND HIS WIFE, 41-YEAR-OLD VALERIE MICHAELIS. SHERIFF MOOSE BUTLER HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TO UPDATE THE INVESTIGATION. CD

AUGUST 4 – WAKE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED TWO MEN OVER THE WEEKEND -- A THIRD TURNED HIMSELF IN -- AND ALL THREE ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER IN A TWO-WEEK-OLD DOUBLE HOMICIDE IN FUQUAY-VARINA. WTVD-TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS DETAILS ON NEWLY RELEASED ARREST WARRANTS. CD

AUGUST 5 – MORE THAN 100 CONCERNED CITIZENS PACKED THE SPRING HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MONDAY NIGHT, FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING ON CRIME. WTVD-TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS THAT THIS IS WHERE HARNETT COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY ROLLINS TOLD RESIDENTS TO START ARMING THEMSELVES. CD

AUGUST 8 – LAST WEEK CARTERET COUNTY SHERIFF ASA (AY-SUH) BUCK WAS SWORN IN AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION. HE TALKED WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT A NUMBER OF ISSUES FACING LAW ENFORCEMENT... PATRICK ASKED SHERIFF BUCK ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA IN NORTH CAROLINA. CD

AUGUST 8 – FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF A MISSING DURHAM MAN CAME TOGETHER THURSDAY FOR A SECOND SEARCH PARTY. WTVD-TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. CD

AUGUST 11 – A MAN IS BEHIND BARS FACING A FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IN THE DEATH OF A 71-YEAR-OLD PRIEST FROM DURHAM. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. CD

AUGUST 14 – ONE THE FOUR TEENAGERS ACCUSED OF BEATING A HOMELESS MAN TO DEATH IN RALEIGH PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CRIME, ON WEDNESDAY, AND WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE WITH THE STORY. CD

AUGUST 20 – AUTHORITIES ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION WITH A SHOOTING THAT INJURED A WOMAN AND A 10-MONTH-OLD GIRL IN THE PARKING LOT OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN NORTHEAST RALEIGH MONDAY NIGHT. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 25 – A MAN IS BEHIND BARS THIS MORNING AFTER GUNNING DOWN A NURSE IN CARY. DANIEL REMINGTON WAS ROUNDED UP BY POLICE IN FAYETTEVILLE JUST HOURS AFTER AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED. HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A WAKE COUNTY JUDGE TODAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 26 – WHILE DANIEL REMINGTON IS IN JAIL FOR GUNNING DOWN A NURSE IN CARY ON FRIDAY NIGHT, DETAILS ABOUT THE VICTIM, WENDY JOHNSON, HAVE NOW BEEN REVEALED. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

SEPTEMBER 8 – A CROSS STATE CRIME SPREE AND MANHUNT CAME TO A DRAMATIC END LAST NIGHT. IT SPANNED THREE COUNTIES AND ENDED IN EDGEcombe COUNTY WITH THE MURDER, RAPE AND KIDNAPPING SUSPECT FOUND DEAD. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

SEPTEMBER 10 – NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS MISSED A NATIONWIDE DEADLINE TO ACCOUNT FOR MILITARY SURPLUS GEAR AND THUS HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM THE CONTROVERSIAL FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT DISTRIBUTES WEAPONRY, HEAVY VEHICLES AND OTHER MILITARY-GRADE EQUIPMENT TO POLICE OFFICERS. MIKE MENO WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT THE MILITARIZATION OF LOCAL LAW AGENCIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF A RECENT REPORT BY THE ACLU, AND THEIR ARMAMENT, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FEDERAL GRANTS ... THE STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MEANWHILE, SAYS IT WON'T RELEASE SPECIFICS ABOUT WHICH AGENCIES RECEIVED TACTICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM. CD

SEPTEMBER 23 – EARLIER THIS MONTH A NORTH CAROLINA JUDGE EXONERATED TWO MEN FOR THE 1983 RAPE AND SLAYING OF AN 11 YEAR OLD GIRL, THAT AFTER NEW EVIDENCE POINTS TO ANOTHER MAN. JOSH ZACH ASKED BALLARD EVERETT -- A LAWYER, AND A CONSERVATIVE, WHO BELIEVES THE DEATH PENALTY SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE -- ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD THAT MORE CASES LIKE HENRY MCCOLLUM'S AND LEON BROWN'S EXIST. CD

SEPTEMBER 30 – THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL IS INVESTIGATING AN ACCIDENT THAT KILLED A HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND LEFT SEVERAL OTHERS HURT MONDAY MORNING. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA REPORTS. CD

CR- Civil Rights

AUGUST 5 – STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE AGREED TO A BUDGET, WHICH IS NOW AWAITING GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S SIGNATURE (LOOK FOR UPDATE ON HIM ACTUALLY SIGNING). THERE IS STILL A CONTINGENT THAT OPPOSED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS BUDGET, LED BY REVEREND WILLIAM BARBER, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P. CR

SEPTEMBER 25 – TODAY ATTORNEYS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP WILL GIVE ARGUMENTS BEFORE THE 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN THEIR CHALLENGE TO THE STATE'S SWEEPING ELECTION LAW CHANGES. N C NAACP PRESIDENT REVEREND DR WILLIAM BARBER SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHANGES TO THE LAW, AND GAVE THE REASONS FOR THE APPEAL TO THE RECENT US DISTRICT COURT DECISION. CR

EC - Economy/Employment

JULY 7 – THE JOBS REPORT FOR JUNE HAS BEEN RELEASED AND IT'S GOOD NEWS! MITCH KOKAI, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION AND SITTING IN FOR BILL LUMAYE, GETS THE DETAILS OF HOW OUR ECONOMY IS IMPROVING IN THE JOBS MARKET WITH ECONOMICS PROFESSOR DR. MIKE WALDEN. EC

JULY 7 – THERE'S GOOD NEWS IN THE LABOR MARKET AS JOB CREATION IS MOVING MUCH FASTER THAN EXPECTED AND THERE ARE GAINS IN ECONOMY. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

JULY 8 – THE DOW HIT 17,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST WEEK... GOOD NEWS FOR INVESTORS, BUT WHAT ABOUT FOR THOSE ON MAIN STREET? WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED ABOUT THIS AND JOB CREATION WITH SMALL BUSINESS ANALYST AUSTIN HILL. EC

JULY 11 – TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TOOK A LOOK HOW MUCH PUBLIC COMPANIES PAY THEIR TOP EXECUTIVES TO SEE WHO WAS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST AND AT THE BOTTOM PLUS A LOCAL UNIVERSITY IS SETTING UP A HOTEL. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH TBJ'S AMANDA HOYLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE LOCAL STORIES. EC

JULY 14 – WHAT DO BIG NAME RETAILERS LIKE WAL-MART, FAMILY DOLLAR AND THE CONTAINER STORE ALL HAVE IN COMMON? CEO'S FROM ALL OF THESE BIG NAME RETAILERS HAVE REMARKED ON THE PACE OF CONSUMER SPENDING. CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN IT'S PRETTY SLOW AND THAT'S HAVING AN EFFECT ON OUR ECONOMY. EC

JULY 14 – THE I-T JOB MARKET IN NORTH CAROLINA CONTINUED ITS UPSWING IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. JOSH ZACH TALKS WITH MICHELLE CALTON (KEL-TON) AT THE NORTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS A NEW REPORT THAT OUTLINES THE LATEST JOB TRENDS FOR THE FIELD. EC

JULY 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DR. MIKE WALDEN OF NCSU WITH HIS MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE ECONOMY - EC

JULY 23 – GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA...THE STATE IS THE 6TH CHEAPEST FOR CAR INSURANCE FOR TEENS. HOWEVER, IT'S STILL EXPENSIVE TO ADD A TEENAGER TO YOUR POLICY. CAR INSURANCE JUMPS 65 PERCENT WHEN ADDING A TEEN IN THE TAR HEEL STATE. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO LAURA ADAMS- SENIOR ANALYST AT INSURANCE-QUOTES-DOT-COM- TO FIND OUT WHICH STATES ARE THE CHEAPEST AND WHICH ARE THE MOST EXPENSIVE TO ADD A 16-TO-19-YEAR-OLD IN THE COUNTRY. EC

JULY 24 – TWO YEARS AGO, NORTH CAROLINA OWED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT \$2.6 BILLION FOR MONEY BORROWED TO PAY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TODAY THE DEBT IS DOWN TO \$980 MILLION, AND THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY HOPES TO LEVEL THE ENTIRE DEBT BY AUGUST, 2015. JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF REPAYMENT WITH DALE FOLWELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN THE STATE COMMERCE DEPT. EC

JULY 24 – ACCORDING TO A FORBES ARTICLE, RALEIGH TOPS THE LIST FOR THE BEST BUSINESSES AND CAREER THIS YEAR, MOVING UP FROM THIRD LAST YEAR. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH HARVEY SCHMITT, PRESIDENT OF THE RALEIGH CHAMBER, TO GET HIS REACTION AND AND DISCUSS WHERE THE CHAMBER FALLS ON THE ISSUE OF WAKE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX. EC

JULY 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - GUEST BOB CHANDLER ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLE PRODUCTS – EC

JULY 28 – THE LAST WEEK OF JULY IS BRINGING GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR THE JOBS MARKET AND STOCKS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER TO LEARN MORE. EC

JULY 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST BOB CHANDLER ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLE PRODUCTS-EC

JULY 30 – THE LONGEST DOWNTURN SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION IS OFFICIALLY BEHIND US ... AND WHILE SOME CITIES HAD A HARD RECOVERY, OTHER METRO'S HAVE SURPASSED THEIR PRE-RECESSION LEVELS. PERSONAL FINANCE WEBSITE WALLETHUB DOT COM CRUNCHED THE NUMBERS ON THE 150 LARGEST CITIES IN THE U.S. TO IDENTIFY THEIR RECESSION STANDING ... AND JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH WALLETHUB CEO ODYSSEAS PAPADIMITRIOU TO FIND OUT WHERE NORTH CAROLINA'S TOP METRO'S RANK ON THE LIST. EC

JULY 31 – HOW BIG IS OUR CONSUMER DEBT PROBLEM HERE IN THE TRIANGLE AND NORTH CAROLINA? LAST YEAR MORE THAN ONE THIRD IN THE STATE REPORTED PAYING ONLY THE MINIMUM PAYMENT ON THEIR CREDIT CARDS ... JOSH ZACH SPEAKS WITH FLOYD HICKS -- PNC BANK'S RETAIL REGION MANAGER FOR THE TRIANGLE -- TO DISCUSS JUST HOW BAD THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL DEBT PROBLEM REALLY IS. EC

JULY 31 – FOR MANY IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE FIRST WEEKEND OF AUGUST HAS LONG MEANT THAT IT'S TIME FOR THE BIG "BACK TO SCHOOL" TAX FREE SHOPPING SPREE. THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY, HOWEVER,

HAS BEEN NIXED BY STATE LAWMAKERS THIS YEAR. WILL IT HAVE AN IMPACT AT THE REGISTER? JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE PENDING QUESTION WITH ANDY ELLEN -- PRESIDENT OF THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION IN RALEIGH. EC

JULY 31 – COMING UP IN AUGUST IS AN EVENT FOR BUSINESSES TO SHOW THEIR STUFF AND MEETING HUNDREDS OF POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT ABOUT THE THE BUSINESS SHOWCASE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FEW WEEKS. EC

AUGUST 4 – EMPLOYERS HAVE ADDED JOBS ON A CONSISTENT BASIS FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND JOBLESS CLAIMS CONTINUE TO REMAIN AT PRE-RECESSION LEVELS. THINGS ARE LOOKING UP ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, BUT WHAT ABOUT FOR NORTH CAROLINA? MITCH KOKAI FROM THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN. EC

AUGUST 4 – MONEY DOT COM REPORTS EVERYDAY AMERICANS JUST AREN'T BUYING SOME PRODUCTS LIKE THEY USED TO. CBS THIS MORNING'S ANTHONY MASON AND VINITA NAIR TALK WITH PERSONAL FINANCE JOURNALIST VERA GIBBONS TO DISCUSS THE DECLINE OF SOME COMMON PRODUCTS. EC

AUGUST 5 – AS THE ECONOMY IMPROVES AND OPTIMISM INCREASES, MORE PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT STARTING THEIR OWN BUSINESS. NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN TELLS US WHAT ADVICE HE GIVE TO THOSE WHO OFTEN SEEK HIS INPUT ON HOW TO BEGIN A NEW BUSINESS VENTURE. EC

AUGUST 5 – WE ALL KNOW OF THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE, BUT YOU MAY NOT KNOW JUST HOW MUCH IS GOING ON WITHIN THIS ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT AREA OF THE TRIANGLE. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED "WHAT'S HAPPENING" FROM BOB GEOLAS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA. EC

AUGUST 6 – A NEW SUPERMARKET IS PLANNED IN AN AREA IN DESPERATE NEED OF ONE, BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS DRAWN CRITICISM AMONG SOME COMMUNITY LEADERS. TALK RADIO 850'S BILL LUMAYE SPOKE TO REV. EARL C. JOHNSON -- PRESIDENT OF THE RALEIGH-WAKE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION -- WHO OPPOSES THE PROPOSED ROSES STORE IN SOUTHEAST RALEIGH ... A COMPANY OWNED BY NORTH CAROLINA'S BUDGET DIRECTOR, ART POPE. EC

AUGUST 8 – RETIRING IN THE TRIANGLE IS BECOMING A TREND ... BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS ON THIS AND MORE IN BUSINESS FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S AMANDA HOYLE. EC

AUGUST 14 – IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE AND RETIREMENT SECURITY, YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY. A NONPARTISAN VOTER SURVEY RELEASED THIS WEEK BY AARP OF NORTH CAROLINA FINDS THE MOST ACTIVE VOTERS IN THE TARHEEL STATE RANK HIGH ON THE "ANXIETY INDEX" WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR FINANCIAL OUTLOOK. STEPHANIE CARSON REPORTS. EC

AUGUST 18 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-NC SU PROFESSOR DR. MIKE WALDEN ON THE ECONOMY-EC

AUGUST 21 – WE'VE ALL WORKED WITH A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO TAKE A VACATION AND MAKES THE REST OF US FEEL GUILTY WHEN WE LEAVE THE OFFICE BEHIND. BUT THE "ALL WORK, NO PLAY" EMPLOYEE COULD SOON BE FACING PRESSURE TO STEP AWAY FROM THE DAILY GRIND -- THIS AS MORE AND MORE BUSINESSES REALIZE THE BENEFITS THAT COME FROM EMPLOYING A WELL ROUNDED, WELL RESTED WORKER. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. EC

AUGUST 25 – WHILE THE STOCK MARKET IS SHOWING RECORD HIGH NUMBERS, THE PUBLIC IS NOT SEEING ANY IMPROVEMENT. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER TO LEARN MORE. EC

AUGUST 25 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUESTS AMANDA AND JOHN GIUSTINIANI DISCUSS ESTATE SALES AND THEIR COMPANY GC5 ESTATE SERVICES-EC

AUGUST 26 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER HOLDS ITS ANNUAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE THIS AFTERNOON AND BRIAN FREEMAN GOT A PREVIEW OF THIS POPULAR EVENT FROM CHAMBER MEMBER CHRISTINE PETERSON, PRESIDENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES. EC

AUGUST 26 – MANY LOCAL COMPANIES DEAL WITH OR ARE INFLUENCED BY THE GLOBAL MARKET AND GLOBAL COMPETITION. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM "BOB" GEOLAS, (GEE-OH-LAS) PRESIDENT AND

CEO OF THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA HOW THE RTP DEALS WITH THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. EC

AUGUST 26 – PARTS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ARE NOW IN A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? ARE WHAT ARE PROS AND CONS. FOR A CLOSER LOOK, DON CURTIS ASKED RAN COBLE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. EC

SEPTEMBER 4 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. DAVID ZONDERMAN OF NCSU'S HISTORY DEPARTMENT ON LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE- EC

SEPTEMBER 8 – THE POVERTY LEVEL IN NORTH CAROLINA IS \$24,000 A YEAR OR LESS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR, OR \$12,000 OR LESS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, ACCORDING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER'S "STATE OF WORKING NORTH CAROLINA 2014" REPORT. BRANDON DICKSON ASKED TAZRA MITCHELL- PUBLIC POLICY ANALYST WITH THE JUSTICE CENTER- WHY THAT LEVEL IS SO ASTONISHINGLY LOW, AND HOW IT GOT SET. EC

SEPTEMBER 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN OF NCSU WITH HIS MONTHLY REPORT AND COMMENTS ON THE ECONOMY-EC

SEPTEMBER 24 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TIM TAYLOR AND STEVE ARNOLD DISCUSS COMPUTER PROBLEMS-- EC

SEPTEMBER 25 – THE RALEIGH CHAMBER IS, FOR THE 2ND YEAR, INVOLVED IN A PROGRAM CALLED, "HIRING OUR HEROES." BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVENT FROM RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT, HARVEY SCHMITT. EC

SEPTEMBER 25 – TRIANGLE FAMILY SERVICES IS GETTING READY FOR ITS FALL FINANCIAL FESTIVAL IN EARLY OCTOBER. WHO'S INVITED AND WHY SHOULD YOU GO? BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS FROM PETER SMITH , THE FINANCIAL STABILITY COORDINATOR FOR TRIANGLE FAMILY SERVICES. EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

JULY 1 – IT TURNS OUT UNC-CHAPEL HILL MAY NOT BE OUT OF THE WOODS WITH THE NCAA, IN TERMS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO ACADEMIC IRREGULARITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS. ED

JULY 7 – TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES HAS AWARDED \$1 MILLION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO 100 STUDENTS ACROSS THE NATION THROUGH THE MAKING LIFE EASIER FUND. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO TWO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIPS, CELENIA CABALLERO (SUH-LEAN-EE-UH, CAB-UH-YERO) AND JOSE SANCHEZ, TO DISCUSS HOW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND CLUBS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES AND HELPED GET THEM SCHOLARSHIPS. ED

JULY 11 – IF YOU WENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOU MOST LIKELY WILL REMEMBER GOING DOOR TO DOOR SELLING CANDY OR OTHER PRODUCTS AS A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER, BUT WITH RECENT DIET CONCERNS BY THE GOVERNMENT, THAT MAY NOT BE A RITUAL ANYMORE. DOUG KELLET OF THE MORNING DRIVE DISCUSSES HOW OBAMA'S FOOD RESTRICTIONS ARE HURTING SCHOOL FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES WITH KYLE OLSEN OF E-A-NEWS DOT ORG. ED

JULY 16 – WE HEAR MORE TODAY FROM GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY -- IN HIS OWN WORDS -- AS HE TALKED RECENTLY WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. IN THIS SEGMENT, THE GOVERNOR TALKS ABOUT THE CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUS OF K-12 EDUCATION. ED

JULY 18 – A RECENT REPORT BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FINDS THAT U.S. TEENAGERS SCORED BELOW THE GLOBAL AVERAGE FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN A MAJOR FINANCIAL LITERACY TEST. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JAN DILLON -- DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY -- TO FIND OUT JUST HOW MANY KIDS IN THE U.S. DON'T KNOW THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR. ED

JULY 23 – THIS MORNING SCHOOL LEADERS ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO KEEP TEACHERS IN WAKE COUNTY AS A JOB FAIR COMES TO THE AREA. MANY TEACHERS ARE LEAVING THE AREA FOR BETTER PAY. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS MORE. ED

JULY 24 – A RALEIGH-BASED CONSERVATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER IS GETTING INVOLVED A LAWSUIT APPEAL OVER HOW MUCH POWER GROUPS WHICH GIVE THE "SEAL OF APPROVAL" TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE. THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IS SIDING WITH A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL WHICH HAD ITS ACCREDITATION REJECTED. THE CENTER'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH GEORGE LEEF, IN THE FIRST OF A TWO PART CONVERSATION WITH BRUCE FERRELL, EXPLAINS THIS IS ABOUT A MUCH LARGER ISSUE. ED

JULY 24 – GOV. PAT MCCRORY SIGNED LEGISLATION TUESDAY THAT INCLUDES THE REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE STATE'S READING AND MATH CURRICULUM IN K-12 SCHOOLS KNOWN AS COMMON CORE. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH EMMETT MCGROARTY, EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN PRINCIPALS PROJECT, TO GET HIS REACTION. ED

JULY 25 – UNC-CHAPEL HILL CHANCELLOR CAROL FOLT AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BUBBA CUNNINGHAM ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM ON THURSDAY THAT WILL ALLOW ATHLETES WHO DID NOT FINISH THEIR DEGREES TO RETURN TO THE UNIVERSITY TO DO SO. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT. ED

JULY 25 – EDUCATION THE FOCUS OF THE CHAT BETWEEN CONSERVATIVE RADIO HOST TOM LAMPRECHT AND WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON THIS WEEK, INCLUDING TO A REPORT THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN IS CONSIDERING A NEW WAY TO DOLE OUT GRADES. ED

AUGUST 6 – IN PUBLISHED REPORTS, THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION CALLS THE NEW PAY K-12 TEACHER PAY PLAN "REGRESSIVE" THAT GIVES LESS INCENTIVE TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE PROFESSION LONGER AND SAYS MANY ARE CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT THEIR PAY WILL BE. ED

AUGUST 11 – NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BRIGHT IDEAS EDUCATION GRANTS, AND THERE'S AN ADDED INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS TO APPLY, AND APPLY EARLY. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO JANE PRITCHARD- DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. ED

AUGUST 14 – THERE CONTINUES BE TO DEBATE ABOUT INEQUITIES IN THE TEACHER PAY HIKES APPROVED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. BRUCE FERRELL GOT SOME PERSPECTIVE FROM KEITH POSTON WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FORUM OF NORTH CAROLINA. ED

AUGUST 20 – A GROWING NUMBER OF PARENTS MANY OF WHOM WERE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN THE '80S ARE SENDING THEIR KIDS TO COLLEGE THIS YEAR. AS STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA PREPARE TO WELCOME THE NEWEST CROP OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TO CAMPUS, KIM SOUSA-PEOPLES DIRECTOR OF UNCG NEW STUDENT & SPARTAN FAMILY PROGRAMS AND HER STAFF HAVE COMPILED A LIST OF WAYS THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE HAS CHANGED FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT. SHE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN ABOUT GOOD OL' BOOKS AND LAUNDRY. ED

AUGUST 25 – A NATIONAL SURVEY OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2 AND 6 FINDS THAT NEARLY HALF OF RESPONDENTS ARE WORRIED THEIR CHILD WON'T HAVE THE SKILLS THEY NEED WHEN THEY START ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ABBY JENKINS, DIRECTOR OF CONTENT, PBS KIDS DIGITAL, TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS. ED

AUGUST 25 – WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS CONTINUING TO DEAL WITH A STRONG GROWTH CURVE. BUT, WHERE DO THEY GO FROM HERE? BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENT STEPHEN SCOTT. ED

AUGUST 26 – THOUSANDS OF NORTH CAROLINA KIDS ARE BACK IN THE CLASSROOM FOR A NEW YEAR OF READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC, AND A WHOLE LOT MORE. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING IMPORTANT LESSONS IN PERSONAL FINANCE, IT'S MOM AND DAD -- NOT THE CLASSROOM TEACHER -- THAT OFFERS THE BEST, OR WORST, LESSONS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. DONNA MARTINEZ JOINS BRIAN FREEMAN WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. ED

SEPTEMBER 1 – AFTER AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT CAUSED FLOODING INSIDE A UNC BUILDING AND IS TAPED OFF NOW AFTER A WATER LINE BREAK SUNDAY NIGHT. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS HAS THE DETAILS FROM GREENLAW HALL ON CAMPUS. ED

SEPTEMBER 8 – LAST WEEK, THE NC STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RELEASED GRADUATION RATES AND END OF GRADE TESTING RESULTS FROM THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR. THERE WAS A RISE IN PASSING SCORES, WHICH MOST WOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT BUT THERE IS A NEW CATCH TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH TERRY STOOPS, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION STUDIES OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION, ABOUT HOW THE STATE BOARD LOWERED THE SCORES NEEDED TO PASS THE EXAMS AND HOW THAT THREW THE SYSTEM OFF. ED

SEPTEMBER 8 – TEACHER PAY HAS BEEN FIERCELY DEBATED THIS YEAR IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. AND DESPITE LAWMAKERS ALLOCATING NEARLY \$300 MILLION THIS YEAR TO INCREASE TEACHER PAY, CRITICS SAY THE NEW PAY SYSTEM IS UNFAIR TO VETERAN TEACHERS. BRANDON DICKSON ASKED DARRELL ALLISON- PRESIDENT OF PARENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM IN NORTH CAROLINA- WHAT HIS THOUGHTS ARE ON THE ISSUE. ED

SEPTEMBER 23 – A NEW BIPARTISAN POLL FINDS THAT NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. THE NEW GOP-PENED STATE BUDGET PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION TO ADD 1,000 SLOTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S PRE-K PROGRAM, BUT TRACY ZIMMERMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT JUST 23 PERCENT OF 4-YEAR-OLDS IN THE STATE ARE ENROLLED IN NC PRE-K, AND VOTERS KNOW THIS ISN'T ENOUGH. ED

SEPTEMBER 30 – ARE NORTH CAROLINA'S TEACHERS SALARIES DISCOURAGING SOME STUDENTS FROM CONSIDERING EDUCATION AS A CAREER? THAT'S THE QUESTION BEING ASKED ON THE CAMPUS OF THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY. HERE'S A REPORT PRODUCED WITH SUPPORT FROM ANDREW SHELTON AND REPORTED BY ANDREW TIE FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST AT THE UNC-CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. ED

EH - Environment/Health

JULY 1 – WITH TEMPERATURES MOUNTING UP INTO THE MID 90'S WE ALSO ARE WATCHING A POSSIBLE JULY 4TH "WEATHER SPOILER." BRIAN FREEMAN GETS MORE FROM ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGAR. EH

JULY 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WEATHER ALERT-COVERAGE OF HURRICANE ARTHUR- EH

JULY 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - METEOROLOGIST ROD GONSKI VISITS TO "TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER" - EH

JULY 23 – THERE'LL BE ANOTHER ROUND OF STORMS THIS AFTERNOON. FREEMAN LEARNS FROM ACCUWEATHER'S MAGGIE JOHNSON EXACTLY WHAT TO EXPECT. EH

JULY 25 – STATE D-H-H-S OFFICIALS HAVE RECOMMENDED LIFTING THE RECREATIONAL WATER ADVISORY AT THE DAN RIVER, FOLLOWING THE MASSIVE COAL ASH SPILL AT THE DUKE ENERGY PLANT IN EDEN, EARLIER THIS YEAR. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH PETE HARRISON FROM WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CLEANUP PROCESS. EH

JULY 30 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - WRITER PAM BECK ON VISITING GARDENS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IN NORTH CAROLINA – EH

JULY 30 – THE E-P-A IS HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS ITS PROPOSED CLIMATE REGULATIONS. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH HAL QUINN- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION- TO FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED AND WHY WE SHOULD CARE. EH

JULY 30 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WRITER PAM BECK ON VISITING GARDENS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IN NORTH CAROLINA-EH

AUGUST 11 – YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST -- SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE'S BEEN NO ACTUALLY MEASURED BAD AIR QUALITY DAYS IN THE STATE, A COMBINATION OF STEPS TO REDUCE POLLUTANTS ALONG WITH MILD WEATHER. WILL THAT CONTINUE? BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM TOM MATHER FROM THE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY THAT WE MAY NOT BE THIS FORTUNATE EVERY YEAR AND SOME NEW RULES MAY ALSO CHANGE THE PICTURE. EH

AUGUST 13 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-NICK PETRO OF NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER-EH

AUGUST 14 – FLOODING IS THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE NATURAL DISASTER. AND, SINCE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF HURRICANE SEASON, WE ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK OF FLOODING. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. RICK KNABB (NAB) - DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER- AND LESLIE CHAPMAN-HENDERSON - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE FEDERAL ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOMES (FLASH)- TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR FLOODS. EH

AUGUST 14 – NORTH CAROLINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY HAS ISSUED A DIRECTIVE TO DUKE ENERGY TO TEST DRINKING WATER AROUND THE 14 POWER PLANT FACILITIES ACROSS THE TAR HEEL STATE. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH SUSAN MASSENGALE, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO FIND OUT WHAT TRIGGERED THE INCREASED TESTING. EH

AUGUST 21 – HUNDREDS ATTENDED A PUBLIC MEETING IN RALEIGH WEDNESDAY TO TALK ABOUT PROPOSED RULES FOR THE OIL AND GAS DRILLING METHOD KNOWN AS HYDRAULIC FRACTURING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. EH

SEPTEMBER 1 – THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE LONGLEAF PINE JUST GOT A BIG BOOST – THANKS TO A \$600,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION BRUCE FERRELL GOT MORE ON THIS GRANT AND THE CONSERVANCY'S ONGOING LONG LEAF PINE RESTORATION FROM EXPLAINED DAN RYAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CONSERVANCY'S LONGLEAF PINE WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA. EH

SEPTEMBER 30 – SUNSHINE AND WARMER TEMPERATURES ARE HEADING OUR WAY, BUT HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM ACCUWEATHER'S COURTNEY SPAYMER. EH

GA – Government Affairs

JULY 1 – SOME COMPANIES THAT OBJECT TO THE CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE REQUIREMENT OF THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW WILL BE EXEMPT FROM IT FOLLOWING A RULING BY THE US SUPREME COURT RULING. JAMES COX IS THE BRAINERD CURRIE PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE DUKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL. GA

JULY 1 – NEW YORK STATE HAS HAD MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR NEARLY SIX YEARS, AND ON MONDAY (6/30) THE STATE'S TOP COURT RULED THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN APPROVE ZONING LAWS TO BAN FRACKING WITHIN THEIR BORDERS. NORTH CAROLINA, MEANWHILE, IS FAST-TRACKING REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO START THE PRACTICE HERE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ERIC MILITO AT THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS THE RAMPED UP PLANS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO ALLOW PERMITS FOR FRACKING TO BEGIN AS EARLY AS 2015. GA

JULY 7 – IS IT ALL OVER FOR OBAMA? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD ABOUT HOW PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROVAL NUMBERS ARE THE LOWEST THEY'VE EVER BEEN. GA

JULY 9 – AN ARRAY OF ARGUMENTS AND ATTORNEYS IN THE LEGAL FIGHT OVER NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW VOTING LAWS WERE CENTER STAGE IN A TRIAD FEDERAL COURT. OUR PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED ABOUT THIS COURT BATTLE WITH POLITICAL ANALYST DOUG RAYMOND. GA

JULY 10 – A BUDGET NEGOTIATION TURNED A BIT HOSTILE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS AS STATE LEGISLATORS WORK TO REACH A COMPROMISE. GA

JULY 11 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS THE GUEST THIS WEEKEND ON THE CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS PROGRAM. HE SAT DOWN WITH DON CURTIS AND TALKED ABOUT A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING HOW THE STATE IS SUPPORTING VETERANS. GA

JULY 22 – SOON THERE WILL BE CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM. LAWMAKERS ARE GETTING CLOSE TO PUTTING AN END TO LARGE PENSION SPIKES FOR HIGH INCOME WORKERS. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS MORE.. GA

JULY 22 – CHANGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL PREVENT CITIES FROM GROWING -- AS DON CURTIS FOUND OUT FROM PAUL MEYER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, ON THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. GA

JULY 28 – TWO FEDERAL APPEALS COURTS ISSUED CONTRADICTIONARY RULINGS ON OBAMACARE SUBSIDIES WITHIN A FEW HOURS LAST WEEK: ONE DELIVERING A VICTORY AND THE OTHER A MAJOR BLOW TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN A CHAOTIC LEGAL FIGHT THAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER MILLIONS OF AMERICANS CAN GET SUBSIDIZED COVERAGE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKED ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT WITH BARAK RICHMAN PROFESSOR OF LAW AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. GA

JULY 28 – TWO YEARS AGO, NORTH CAROLINA OWED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT \$2.6 BILLION FOR MONEY BORROWED TO PAY JOBLESS BENEFITS TODAY THE DEBT IS DOWN TO \$980 MILLION, AND THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SAYS THEY'VE REVAMPED AREAS OF THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE FRAUDULENT CLAIMS, AS WELL AS IMPROVE THE RECLAMATION OF OVERPAYMENTS. JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED ONE OF THOSE MEASURES WITH DALE FOLWELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. GA

JULY 30 – ATTORNEYS AND PLAINTIFFS IN TWO FEDERAL LAWSUITS CHALLENGING NORTH CAROLINA'S BAN ON MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES SPOKE WITH THE MEDIA TUESDAY ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS IN THOSE LAWSUITS AFTER THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT ON MONDAY DECLARED THAT VIRGINIA'S BAN ON MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. SOME OF THE PLAINTIFFS INVOLVED ADDRESSED THE MEDIA. GA

AUGUST 11 – OFFICIALS OVERSEEING A \$10 MILLION FUND SET UP TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FORCED STERILIZATION PROGRAM SAY ABOUT 180 PEOPLE HAVE QUALIFIED SO FAR TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DEE JONES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION. GA

AUGUST 20 – LAST WEEK A JUDGE UPHELD NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW VOTING LAWS IN A COURT DECISION.... BUT DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO JUST THE VOTER I-D PART OF THESE NEW LAWS -- THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT COULD IMPACT TURNOUT THIS FALL.. SO SAYS POLITICAL ANALYST DOUG RAYMOND WHEN HE WENT ON AIR WITH PATRICK JOHNSON. GA

AUGUST 25 – IS OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY AND UNAVAILABLE INFORMATION HARMING EFFORTS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT? STATE AUDITOR BETH WOOD THINKS SO, AND SHE DISCUSSED WHY ON THIS PAST WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS. GA

SEPTEMBER 23 – A BIPARTISAN GRID INNOVATION CAUCUS WAS LAUNCHED LAST WEEK IN THE CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPROVE OUTDATED SMART GRIDS. THE CAUCUS WILL ADD MORE JOBS TO THE AREA AND HELP ADVANCE THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. TO LEARN MORE MITCH KOKAI SITTING IN FOR BILL LUMAYE ON OUR SISTER STATION TALK RADIO 850 WPTF TALKED WITH CONGRESSWOMAN RENNEE ELLMERS, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CAUCUS. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

JULY 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOBBY DUNN TAKES AUTO REPAIR QUESTIONS AS "THE NIGHT-TIME MECHANIC"- GR

JULY 8 – THE HIGHWAY PATROL ANNOUNCES A PRELIMINARY NUMBER OF SEVEN MOTORISTS WHO DIED ON NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS DURING THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY PERIOD. IN 2013, FOURTEEN PEOPLE DIED A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION WHEN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH TROOPER MIKE BAKER WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL. GR

JULY 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - THOMAS OWEN OF TAO AUTO ANSWERS AUTOMOBILE REPAIR QUESTIONS - GR

JULY 22 – DESPITE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTING NEARLY \$500 MILLION IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS TO REPLACE AND REPAIR BRIDGES LAST YEAR, MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED DUE TO THOUSANDS OF UNSATISFACTORY BRIDGES IN THE STATE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A CAROLINAS 17TH ANNUAL SUBSTANDARD BRIDGE RANKING. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH THE MOTOR CLUB'S TIFFANY WRIGHT TO FIND OUT THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH GETTING THOSE BRIDGES UP TO PAR. GR

AUGUST 4 – SOME POSITIVE NEWS FOR THOSE STILL MAKING TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER SEASON, PRICES AT THE PUMP ARE EASING OFF A BIT, AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM TIFFANY WRIGHT AT AAA CAROLINAS IN CHARLOTTE. GR

AUGUST 6 – PASSENGERS ALONG THE RALEIGH TO CHARLOTTE RAIL CORRIDOR WILL BE ABLE TO DIRECTLY EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE BENEFITS IF THE PIEDMONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOLLOWING A PROJECT MILESTONE LAST WEEK. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN CONTINUES HIS CONVERSATION WITH RAIL DIRECTOR PAUL WORLEY WITH NCDOT. GR

AUGUST 8 – A THREE-JUDGE PANEL OF THE 4TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED UNANIMOUSLY WEDNESDAY THAT A LOWER COURT JUDGE WAS WRONG TO FAVOR NORTH CAROLINA'S POSITION THAT CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE THE BONNER BRIDGE, THE ONLY SPAN CONNECTING THE MAINLAND TO HATTERAS ISLAND SHOULD START. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DERB CARTER SR ATTORNEY AND DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICES OF THE SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER. GR

AUGUST 8 – RESIDENTS OF CLAYTON IN JOHNSTON COUNTY HAVE A NEW SHORT CUT TO THE POST OFFICE, THANKS TO A JUST COMPLETED PROJECT THAT EXTENDS E. FRONT STREET TO 42 EAST...BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM...CONFLICTING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STORY WITH CLAYTON INFORMATION OFFICER STACEY BEARD. GR

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AUGUST 14 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DEAN BAILEY AND DON GRIFFIN ANSWER CAR REPAIR QUESTIONS-GR

AUGUST 26 – ON MONDAY SCHOOLS OPERATING ON TRADITIONAL CALENDARS BEGAN WITH MORE THAN ONE MILLION STUDENTS ATTENDING NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. STATE TROOPERS WILL BE FOCUSING ON EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT. IN PART 2 OF THEIR CONVERSATION WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH SERGEANT MIKE BAKER WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL . GR

SEPTEMBER 23-TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOBBY DUNN AS THE"NIGHT-TIME MECHANIC" ANSWERS CAR REPAIR QUESTIONS-GR

HO – Housing

AUGUST 21 – WAKE COUNTY'S POPULATION IS ABOUT TO REACH A MILLION FOLKS, PLUS THE COUNTY HAS MAINTAINED AN OUTSTANDING TRIPLE A BOND RATING FROM THREE AGENCIES. HOW DO WE "KEEP DOING IT?" BRIAN FREEMAN'S GETS INSIGHT FROM RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT. HO

AUGUST 21 – IN THE FIRST OF A THREE PART SERIES, BRIAN FREEMAN SPEAKS WITH ALICE LUTZ THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH TRIANGLE FAMILY SERVICES ABOUT ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNITY SERVICES THEY OFFER. IN THIS SEGMENT WE LEARN ABOUT THE NEED AND THE HELP TFS PROVIDES FOR THOSE HAVING CREDIT DIFFICULTIES. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

JULY 1 – IT'S THE NIGHTMARE EVERY PARENT FEARS: THE FAMILY'S ATHLETIC SON OR DAUGHTER DROPS DEAD DURING PRACTICE OR AFTER PLAYING A GAME. THESE SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED DEATHS OF SEEMINGLY HEALTHY KIDS ARE NOW THE FOCUS OF A PUSH FOR CONTROVERSIAL MEDICAL SCREENINGS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

JULY 7 – FOR DECADES, COMMON MEDICAL WISDOM HAS BEEN "THE LOWER THE BETTER" IN TREATING HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. A NEW STUDY BY WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER FOUND THAT LOWERING SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE BELOW 120 DOES NOT APPEAR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH DR. CARLOS RODRIGUEZ- LEAD AUTHOR OF THE STUDY- TO FIND OUT WHAT A NORMAL BLOOD PRESSURE READING IS AND HOW TO MAINTAIN IT. HSM

JULY 8 – NEW YORK ON MONDAY BECAME THE 23RD STATE TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA...LAST WEEK IT WAS NORTH CAROLINA THAT MADE HEADLINES, WHEN GOV. MCCRORY SIGNED A BILL IN TO LAW THAT WILL ALLOW NEUROLOGISTS TO RECOMMEND A MARIJUANA-EXTRACT OIL TO PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM

SEIZURES AND EPILEPSY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN CONTINUES HIS CONVERSATION WITH MIKE MENO WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. HSM

JULY 8 – WALK INTO VIRTUALLY ANY DRUG STORE AND YOU'RE LIKELY TO SEE A KIOSK URGING YOU TO CHECK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE RIGHT THEN AND THERE. IN GENERAL, THAT'S GOOD ADVICE, BUT HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN THAT RELYING ON THOSE SELF-SERVE BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS TO GAUGE YOUR HEALTH CAN BE FRAUGHT WITH PROBLEMS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

JULY 9 – THE SUMMER HEAT IS ON. STAYING INSIDE AN AIR CONDITIONED BUILDING IS THE BEST BET TO BEAT THE HEAT BUT THAT ISN'T ALWAYS POSSIBLE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GET SOME TIPS FROM LEIGH BROCK WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN GREENSBORO. HSM

JULY 10 – DUKE RESEARCHERS SAY THE INTEGRATION OF BIG DATA FROM LARGE POOLS AND MULTIPLE SOURCES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO GREATLY ENHANCE RESEARCH, AND ALSO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS BUT WHOLE POPULATIONS. BUT WITH BIG DATA BREACHES IN THE ECONOMY, COULD LARGE STORES OF OUR PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS ALSO BE A HACKER TARGET? CONTINUING OUR IN-DEPTH LOOK AT BIG DATA IN MEDICINE, JOSH ZACH POSED THE QUESTION TO DUKE'S DR. AMY ABERNETHY, SENIOR AUTHOR OF A NEW ANALYSIS ON THE TOPIC. HSM

JULY 11 – WE ARE MUCH MORE ACTIVE IN THE SUMMER TIME, BUT SO ARE SOME OF THOSE PESKY MOSQUITOES THAT CAN CARRY DISEASES. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION DIRECTOR SUE LYNN LEDFORD TO FIND OUT ABOUT SOME OF THE DANGERS OF THESE FLYING PESTS, ESPECIALLY AS THE SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON HEATS UP. HSM

JULY 14 – THE SUMMER WEATHER MAKES US WANT TO FIRE UP THE GRILL AND ENJOY COOKING OUT. BUT, BEFORE YOU ENJOY ALL THE TASTY FOOD, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE TAKING THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID E-COLI AND FOOD POISONING. BRANDON DICKSON GOT SOME TIPS FROM JOE REARDON- ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. HSM

JULY 14 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON HEALTH CARE SPENDING, AS HE TOLD DON CURTIS IN THIS SEGMENT FROM HIS RECENT CONVERSATION ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. HSM

JULY 15 – A NEW STUDY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE SAYS THE ROAD TO OBESITY STARTS BEFORE THE AGE OF 5. DR. DYAN HES, A PEDIATRICIAN SPECIALIZING IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY, TALKS WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" CO-HOSTS ABOUT THE DATA OF A NEW STUDY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE SAYS THE ROAD TO OBESITY STARTS BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE. HSM

JULY 16 – BRENNER'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL, THE PEDIATRIC ARM OF WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER, HAS INSTALLED A WEBCAM SYSTEM IN ITS NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU) FOR FAMILIES TO WATCH THEIR BABY ON A LIVE VIDEO STREAM. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. CHERRIE (SHA-REE) WELCH- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AT BAPTIST AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF BRENNER'S NURSERIES- TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE NEW WEBCAM SYSTEM AND WHAT IT OFFERS. HSM

JULY 16 – IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, CBS'S JIM TAYLOR LEARNS CANCER PAIN MEDICATION IS DISPENSED DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT STATES. HSM

JULY 18 – A LITTLE STRESS IN LIFE IS USUALLY HARMLESS AND CAN ACTUALLY KEEP US ON TOP OF THINGS AND IN THE FLOW OF WORK, BUT IN HIGH LEVELS, STRESS CAN ACTUALLY LEAD TO HEART DISEASE, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, AND OBESITY. DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS ABOUT HOW TO OVERCOME STRESS WITH JEANNE (JEAN) RICKS, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "BIOLOGY OF BEATING STRESS." HSM

JULY 23 – ASPIRIN IS A DRUG THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKING FOR 100 YEARS, YET DOCTORS HAVE VERY LITTLE UNDERSTANDING HOW IT WORKS ... BUT RESEARCH OUT OF DUKE UNIVERSITY IS ANGLING TOWARD CRACKING THE CODE ON THE BENEFITS OF ASPIRIN THERAPY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE'S DR. DEEPAK VOORA TO LEARN IF THIS LATEST STUDY HAS ANSWERED SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OF HOW ASPIRIN WORKS. HSM

JULY 24 – THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES IS OUT WITH A NEW REPORT, "BAD MEDICINE", THAT LOOKS AT ABORTION RESTRICTIONS IN ALL 50 STATES, INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DEBRA NESS- PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES AND DR. JOSHUA NITSCHKE (KNIT-CHEE)- OBGYN AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER- TO FIND OUT THE KEY FINDINGS FROM THE REPORT. HSM

JULY 24 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - JOE GRAEDON OF THE PEOPLES PHARMACY ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND HEALTH HAZARDS – HSM

JULY 28 – CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ARE CAMPAIGNING ON ISSUES LIKE THE ECONOMY, BUT FEW ARE DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANCE OF FEDERALLY FUNDED MEDICAL RESEARCH. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MARY WOOLLEY -- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF RESEARCH AMERICA -- WHO SAYS RESEARCHERS AT UNIVERSITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA LOST MORE THAN \$23 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. HSM

JULY 31 – THE ROOT OF THE EBOLA OUTBREAK IS POVERTY AND LACK OF MED INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT'S ACCORDING TO PRISCILLA WALD IS AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR AT DUKE UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR OF "CONTAGIOUS: CULTURES, CARRIERS, AND THE OUTBREAK NARRATIVE." PROFESSOR WALD SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. HSM

AUGUST 4 – WHILE WE HAVE SEEN MUCH COOLER THAN AVERAGE TEMPERATURES OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, SUMMER IS DEFINITELY NOT OVER AND TEMPERATURES WILL BE WARMING BACK UP INTO THE 90'S THIS WEEK. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE DANGERS OF BEING OUTDOORS WHEN IT'S TOO HOT, ESPECIALLY WHILE EXERCISING, WITH DOCTOR BRET NICKS AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER. HSM

AUGUST 5 – PHYSICIANS ARE INCREASINGLY DISCUSSING AND RECOMMENDING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES (E-CIGARETTES) AS CESSATION DEVICES FOR THEIR PATIENTS, BUT MORE RESEARCH NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THEIR EFFICACY AND SAFETY, ACCORDING TO A NEW SURVEY OF NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS. IN PART 2 OF THEIR CONVERSATION WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH STUDY CO-AUTHOR DR LEAH RANNEY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND EVALUATION PROGRAM AT UNC. HSM

AUGUST 6 – CHARLOTTE RESIDENT NANCY WRITEBOL -- THE SECOND AMERICAN STRICKEN WITH EBOLA IN LIBERIA -- ARRIVED AT AN ATLANTA HOSPITAL ON TUESDAY FOR TREATMENT; THE SAME HOSPITAL WHERE DR. KENT BRANTLY OF THE BOONE-BASED AID GROUP SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS RECEIVING CARE. MEANWHILE, AKIN TO A FIREFIGHTER RUNNING INTO THE FLAMES, A GROUP OF AMERICAN DOCTORS IS HEADING STRAIGHT TO THE CENTER OF THE OUTBREAK; CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT ELAINE QUIJANO TALKS WITH ONE OF THEM. HSM

AUGUST 6 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MIKE JAMES OF PERSON STREET PHARMACY REMEMBERS OLD TIME REMEDIES-HSM

AUGUST 11 – BETTER HEALTH MAY BE LITERALLY JUST AROUND THE CORNER FOR DURHAM RESIDENTS. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH KELLY WARNOCK- A NUTRITIONIST AT THE DURHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH- TO FIND OUT ABOUT A NEW INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS IN THE BULL CITY AND BEYOND. HSM

AUGUST 14 – SOCIAL SECURITY IS TURNING 79 AND TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION, ACTIVISTS HAVE RELEASED A NEW REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH LACY CRAWFORD JUNIOR- COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL SECURITY WORKS- TO FIND OUT HOW IMPORTANT SOCIAL SECURITY IS TO SENIORS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE. HSM

AUGUST 14 – IF YOU'VE EVER TRIED TO LOSE WEIGHT -- AND WHO HASN'T -- YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH IT IS, AND HOW BAD YOU FEEL ABOUT YOURSELF WHEN YOU EAT TOO MUCH OR EAT FOODS YOU KNOW WILL BUST THE BANK WHEN IT COMES TO COUNTING CALORIES. BUT INNOVATIONS IN THE WEIGHT LOSS FIELD AIM TO GIVE DIETERS A HELPING HAND IN WAYS WE REALLY HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

AUGUST 20 – THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TASK FORCE ON RURAL HEALTH - A COLLABORATION OF HEALTH GROUPS - HAS JOINED FORCES TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH ACTION PLAN...A SIX-STRATEGY PLAN TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INCREASE ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THE STATE'S RURAL COMMUNITIES. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. ADAM ZOLOTOR (ZO-

LOW-TOR)- INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE- TO FIND OUT WHAT AREAS NEEDED IMPROVEMENT. HSM

AUGUST 20 – THE LAST KNOWN DOSES OF AN ANTI-EBOLA DRUG HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THREE HEALTH WORKERS IN LIBERIA. USING AN UNTESTED DRUG AGAINST EBOLA "COULD PROVE DISASTROUS", THAT'S ACCORDING TO DR PHILLIP ROSOFF A PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AND MEDICINE AND IS DIRECTOR OF THE CLINICAL ETHICS PROGRAM AT DUKE UNIVERSITY....HE SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN ABOUT THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE RECENT EBOLA OUTBREAK. HSM

AUGUST 20 – WHAT IS SCHIZOPHRENIA, WHO DOES IT AFFECT AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO CONTROL IT? IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THERE HAS BEEN A HUGE BREAKTHROUGH, AS BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH DR. JOHN GILMORE. HSM

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AUGUST 21 – NEARLY 2.2 MILLION SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN SUFFER FROM FOOD ALLERGIES, AND WHILE FOOD ALLERGIES ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON, THERE ARE STILL MANY MYTHS SURROUNDING THEM. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. J.J. LEVENSTEIN- PEDIATRICIAN, PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER OF MD MOMS- TO FIND OUT SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS. HSM

AUGUST 25 – THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CAN BE A HECTIC TIME FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS, NOT JUST THE STUDENTS. JOSH ZACH SPEAKS WITH DR. CECILIA MARSHALL, A PSYCHOLOGIST AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER TO DISCUSS KEYS TO REDUCING SCHOOL-RELATED STRESS. HSM

AUGUST 25 – INFECTED PEOPLE ARE BEING LEFT TO DIE IN THE STREETS IN WEST AFRICA DUE TO EBOLA. HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE GETTING ANGRY, AND ALREADY OVERWHELMED COUNTRIES FACE GROWING TOLL. CBS' DEBORA PATTA REPORTS. HSM

AUGUST 26 – THE AHA IS CALLING FOR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TO BE "STRONGLY REGULATED, THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED, AND CLOSELY MONITORED." DR. TARA NARULA, CARDIOLOGIST AT LENOX HILL HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK, DISCUSSES THE DETAILS WITH "CBS THIS MORNING". HSM

SEPTEMBER 1 – PHYSICIANS ARE INCREASINGLY DISCUSSING AND RECOMMENDING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES (E-CIGARETTES) AS CESSATION DEVICES FOR THEIR PATIENTS, BUT MORE RESEARCH NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THEIR EFFICACY AND SAFETY, ACCORDING TO A NEW SURVEY OF NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH STUDY CO-AUTHOR DR LEAH RANNEY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND EVALUATION PROGRAM AT UNC. HSM

SEPTEMBER 10 – ALCOHOLISM IS A DISEASE THAT HAS GRIPS SO MANY LIVES. RECENTLY ABC ANCHOR ELIZABETH VARGAS ANNOUNCED SHE WAS RETURNING TO REHAB. ROBIN WILLIAMS WAS VOCAL ABOUT HIS STRUGGLE. MANY OF YOU MAY PERSONALLY KNOW SOMEONE BATTLING WITH THE DISEASE. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH DR. AL J. MOONEY ABOUT A BOOK THAT PROVIDES HOPE, SUPPORT, AND REAL ADVICE TO THE MORE THAN 23 MILLION AMERICANS WHO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. HSM

SEPTEMBER 23 – THE SEVERE RESPIRATORY VIRUS THAT IS SWEEPING THE NATION HAS NOW HIT NORTH CAROLINA. THE MUCH TALKED ABOUT ENTEROVIRUS D68 HAS NOW HIT 27 STATES AND 175 PEOPLE MAINLY CHILDREN. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS THAT 6 CHILDREN IN OUR STATE HAVE NOW BEEN CONFIRMED WITH THE VIRUS. HSM

SEPTEMBER 23 – RACIAL DISCRIMINATION HAS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. A NEW UNC STUDY FOUND IT MIGHT ALSO AFFECT MENTAL HEALTH. THE STUDY PUBLISHED LAST MONTH SHOWS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS AND CARIBBEAN BLACKS INCREASES THEIR RISK OF DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE STUDY'S LEAD AUTHOR, TRENETTE CLARK, IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. SHE TALKED WITH ZACH MAYO WITH CAROLINA CONNECTION THE STUDENT NEWSCAST OF THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. HSM

SEPTEMBER 25 – SEPTEMBER IS THE PEAK PORTION OF HURRICANE SEASON, AND REGARDLESS IF YOU ARE ON THE COAST, MOUNTAINS, OR ANYWHERE IN BETWEEN, EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE PREPARED. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JULIA JAREMA (JUH-RAY-MA)- SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY- TO FIND OUT WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THE PAST. HSM

SEPTEMBER 25 – A RESPIRATORY VIRUS THAT'S BEEN SWEEPING THE NATION -- PRIMARILY AFFECTING CHILDREN -- IS NOW IN NORTH CAROLINA; CDC AND DHHS OFFICIALS SAY ENTEROVIRUS (ENTER-OH-VIRUS) D-68 HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN SIX CHILDREN IN THE STATE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. ZACK MOORE AT THE STATE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH; HE SAYS WHILE ENTEROVIRUS D68 HAS BEEN CROPPING UP IN CHILDREN, INFECTION IS NOT LIMITED TO JUST YOUNG PEOPLE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 25 – MINIATURE, LAB-ENGINEERED, ORGAN-LIKE HEARTS, LUNGS, LIVERS AND BLOOD VESSELS – LINKED TOGETHER WITH A CIRCULATING BLOOD SUBSTITUTE. IT SOUNDS LIKE SCIENCE FICTION BUT IT'S REAL, AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. ANTHONY ATALA -- DIRECTOR OF THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INSTITUTE AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY -- TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT THAT THEY'RE CALLING "BODY ON A CHIP." HSM

SEPTEMBER 30 – NEW DATA SUGGESTS THAT HOME BIRTHS MAY NOT BE AS SAFE AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT STUDY WITH DR. HAYWOOD BROWN, CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT DUKE, WHO SAYS THERE IS A PROFOUND HOME BIRTH MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA ... AND MOTHER'S MAKING THIS CHOICE NEED TO CONSULT WITH QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOMES. HSM

HO - Housing

JULY 10 – AS THE NATIONAL ECONOMY CONTINUES THE LONG, SLOW CLIMB OUT OF THE GREAT RECESSION, MORE OF US ARE GETTING BACK INTO THE HOME-BUYING AND HOME-SELLING MODE. SURVEY DATA SHOWS BUYERS ARE BRINGING SOME VERY SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS TO TODAY'S HOUSING MARKETPLACE. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ, HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HO

JULY 14 – THE HOUSING MARKET IS BETTER, BUT NOT GREAT. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS HOW HARD IT IS FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS TO GET INTO A HOME. NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLORES THE PROBLEMS. HO

IA- International Affairs

JULY 10 – IMMIGRATION ISN'T JUST A BIG ISSUE AT THE MEXICAN BORDER. IT'S GETTING SOME TALK RIGHT HERE IN THE TRIANGLE. RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT DISCUSSED WITH BRIAN FREEMAN HOW THE CHAMBER FEELS ABOUT IMMIGRATION AND WHAT THEY THINK SHOULD BE DONE. IA

JULY 22 – PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH MILITARY ANALYST JOHN GRESHAM ABOUT OTHER OPTIONS PRESIDENT OBAMA COULD CONSIDER TO DEAL WITH RUSSIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE UKRAINIAN SEPARATISTS IA

JULY 23 – FORMER PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIDS SOCIETY AND LEADING RESEARCHER DR. JOEP LANGE (JOOP LONG-UH) WAS AMONG THOSE WHEN MALAYSIAN AIRLINES MH17 WAS SHOT DOWN OVER UKRAINE. IN 2006, LANGE WAS A PART OF THE LAUNCH OF THE DUKE GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY AND A FREQUENT COLLABORATOR. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKED ABOUT DR LANGE'S LEGACY WITH DR JOHN BARTLETT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH AT THE DUKE GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE. IA

JULY 31 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MILITARY HISTORIAN DR. JOE CADDELL ON "THE GUNS OF AUGUST - 1914" – IA

AUGUST 25 – A FEW DAYS AFTER WE LEARNED OF THE GRUESOME DEATH OF AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST BY THE NAME OF JAMES FOLEY -- AT THE HANDS OF ISIS MILITANTS... WE GOT WORD THAT ANOTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGE KIDNAPPED IN SYRA HAD BEEN RELEASED. PETER CURTIS HAD BEEN HELD BY AN AL-QAIDA-LINKED GROUP, NOT AFFILIATED WITH ISIS. HE'S A 45-YEAR-OLD JOURNALIST FROM BOSTON WHO WROTE UNDER THE NAME THEO PADNOS. ANNE-MARIE GREEN REPORTS. IA

SEPTEMBER 23 – THE UNITED STATES ALONG WITH ARAB ALLIES HAS STARTED AIR STRIKES ON ISIS IN SYRIA FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS MILITARY ANALYST MAJOR MIKE LYONS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE BOMBINGS AND CONCERNS OF RETALIATION ON OUR HOMEFRONT. IA

NS - National Security

JULY 16 – THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN THAT COME THOUSANDS OF MILES INTO THE U.S. HAS BEEN RISING FROM 8,000 A YEAR EARLIER THIS DECADE TO 24,000 LAST YEAR. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE SETTLEMENT HAS COUNTED MORE THAN 42,000. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH SENATOR RICHARD BURR TO FIND OUT WHY IS THERE IS A SURGE OF IMMIGRATION NOW. NS

AUGUST 8 – ON THIS WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, HOST BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE ABOUT THE CURRENT ISSUE OVER UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN WHO ARE COMING OVER THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER FROM CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTIES. NS

SEPTEMBER 1 – NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASKS PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WHO ARE RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH TO MAKE A PLAN, GET PREPARED AND STAY INFORMED SO THEY ARE READY FOR ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH JULIA JAREMA (JUH-RAY-MUH) WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. NS

SEPTEMBER 8 – PRESIDENT OBAMA IS SET TO BRIEF CONGRESS AND THE NATION ON HIS APPROACH TO THE SO-CALLED ISLAMIC STATE. CBS'S TOM FOTY REPORTS. NS

SEPTEMBER 8 – NEW CONCERNS ARE BEING RAISED THAT ISIS COULD ATTACK THE U.S. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LOCALLY. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM PAUL BEDARD OF THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER HOW THIS POSSIBLE AND WHAT'S BEING DONE TO PROTECT OUR POWER GRID. NS

SEPTEMBER 25 – PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IMPORED WORLD LEADERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WEDNESDAY TO RALLY BEHIND HIS EXPANDING MILITARY CAMPAIGN TO STAMP OUT THE VIOLENT ISLAMIC STATE GROUP AND ITS "NETWORK OF DEATH." BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH CBS MILITARY CONSULTANT JEFF MCCAULSAND ON WHAT THE PRESIDENT IS SAYING TO THE TERRORISTS IN THAT MESSAGE. NS

PA – Political Affairs

JULY 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS - PA

JULY 14 – POLITICAL MODERATES RARELY RUN FOR CONGRESS ANYMORE, THE VICTIM OF EXTREME POLARIZATION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE, ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY. A NEW STUDY APPEARS ONLINE IN THE JOURNAL OF POLITICS. IN PART 2 OF THEIR CONVERSATION WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DANIELLE THOMSEN A POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW IN DUKE'S POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND LEAD AUTHOR OF THE STUDY. PA

JULY 15 – THE BUDGET BATTLE LINGERS BETWEEN THE STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE... WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ASKED JOURNALIST CASH MICHEALS IF ANYONE IS PAYING ATTENTION DURING WHAT IS TYPICALLY VACATION TIME? PA

JULY 18 – MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING OR MADD IS URGING LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT IGNITION INTERLOCKS LEGISLATION DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS OF ITS LEGISLATIVE SHORT SESSION. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE TWO BILLS IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE (H41 AND H1027) WHICH DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH IGNITION INTERLOCKS. IN PART 1 OF THEIR CONVERSATION WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH LARONDA SCOTT MADD NORTH CAROLINA STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. PA

JULY 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - RUFUS EDMISTEN DISCUSSES THE WATERGATE SCANDAL AND THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON – PA

JULY 31 – THE LATEST NUMBERS FROM DEMOCRATIC-LEANING PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ARE IN ON THE U.S. SENATE RACE.. "PEOPLE IN POLITICS" HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GOT AN UPDATE FROM THE SURVEYING GROUPS' TOM JENSEN. PA

AUGUST 4 – WE TALK A CLOSER LOOK AT THE U.S. SENATE RACE -- AND HOW OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS MAY BE INFLUENCING THE CAMPAIGN, AND WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DONNA MARTINEZ DISCUSSED POLLING FINDINGS WITH TOM JENSEN FROM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING, WHICH TRADITIONALLY CONDUCTS SURVEYS FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. PA

AUGUST 6 – ADVOCATES FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT ARE SAYING "JOB WELL DONE" TO LAWMAKERS ON CHANGES THAT MAKE IT EASIER FOR VOTERS TO KNOW WHO'S FUNDING CAMPAIGNS. THE STORY WITH DONNA MARTINEZ. PA

AUGUST 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WALKER NOLAN FORMER COUNSEL TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES REFLECTS ON THE WATERGATE SCANDAL-PA

AUGUST 11 – PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS ON VACATION THIS WEEKEND ON WHAT SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING A NOT WELL DESERVED REST. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD ABOUT THE LATEST POLL THAT FOUND A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS DON'T BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT OR CONGRESS DESERVE A VACATION. PA

AUGUST 12 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW--RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS-PA

AUGUST 26 – PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA WILL VISIT NORTH CAROLINA TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION TODAY. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT, NORTH CAROLINA SENS. KAY HAGAN AND RICHARD BURR WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GROUP... HAGAN -- WHO IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION -- HAS TAKEN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO TASK OVER IT'S REACTION TO THE V-A SCANDAL... JOURNALIST CASH MICHAELS HAS TAKEN EXCEPTION WITH THESE CRITICISMS AND WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ASKED HIM, WHY? PA

SEPTEMBER 2 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS- PA

SEPTEMBER 3 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-POLITICAL OBSERVERS RAN COBLE (N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH) AND DR. STEVEN GREENE (NCSU POLITICAL SCIENCE) EVALUATE HAGEN-TILLIS SENATORIAL DEBATE- PA

SEPTEMBER 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S SPEECH ON THE MIDDLE EAST WITH LISTENER REACTION-PA

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

JULY 7 – EAT A HOT DOG AND HELP THE FOOD BANK. THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND A LOCAL RESTAURANT'S GOAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH BILL MORGENSTERN -- CO-FOUNDER OF FIREWÜRST -- TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR 10,000 FOR 10,000 CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD SUMMER HUNGER. RE

JULY 15 – AFTER RECEIVING 1,300 PROPOSALS GOOGLE HAS CHOSEN FIVE CHARITIES AS GRANT RECIPIENTS AND ALSO TO DEVELOP IDEAS USING GOOGLE GLASS TO ENHANCE THEIR WORK. ONE OF THE WINNERS GOOGLE ANNOUNCED, LAST WEEK, WAS LUMBERTON-BASED 3,000 MILES TO A CURE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH CARLY REDFEARN AND MARIA PARKER AT THE NONPROFIT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANT AND HOW THEY PLAN TO USE IT. RE

JULY 15 – LOTS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE NOW ON BREAK, AND MANY ARE LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES TO DO DURING THE SUMMER. VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO BE ACTIVE AND INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. BRIAN FREEMAN EXPLORES THE POSSIBILITIES WITH AMBER SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVATE GOOD. RE

JULY 16 – WHOEVER SAID "GETTING THERE IS HALF THE FUN" OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO TRAVEL. JOSH ZACH TALKS WITH TREY BODGE FROM RETAIL ME NOT DOT COM WHO SAYS LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE TAKING ROAD TRIPS THIS SUMMER, BUT ENDURING THE STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN "POINT A" AND "POINT B" ... GAS, MEALS, MAYBE AN OVERNIGHT STAY ... IS REALLY CUTTING INTO VACATION BUDGETS. RE

AUGUST 5 – JAMES BRADY, THE FORMER PRESS SECRETARY WHO WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD DURING AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON RONALD REAGAN, DIED MONDAY AT AGE 73. CBS'S STEPHEN BARRETT SPOKE TO FORMER U-S ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE ABOUT HIS WHITE HOUSE COLLEAGUE. RE

AUGUST 11 – WE ALL HAVE THEM, BUT NOT EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO PROPERLY USE THEM...CELL PHONES. WHETHER IT'S THE LOUD TALKER, THE PUT EVERY CONVERSATION ON SPEAKER PERSON, OR THE PERSON WHO CAN NEVER PUT IT DOWN...THERE'S PLENTY OF PEOPLE THAT COULD USE SOME HELP WITH CELL PHONE MANNERS. BRANDON DICKSON GOT SOME TIPS FOR OUTDOOR CELL PHONE USE FROM CYNTHIA WHITE- LEADERSHIP PRESENCE AND PERSONAL BRAND STRATEGIST. RE

AUGUST 14 – IT'S KNOWN AS THE DRIVE FOR TROOPS PROGRAM AND NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW CAR AND TRUCK DEALERS ARE BEHIND THE PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES ACTIVE SERVICEPEOPLE AS WELL AS OUR VETERANS. HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED? BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM BOB GLASSER WITH THE NC AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION. RE

AUGUST 14 – IT'S A TRADITION TO RAISE MONEY FOR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS.. THE 26TH ANNUAL THAD AND ALICE EURE (YURE) WALK FOR HOPE TAKES PLACES IN OCTOBER AND THE KICKOFF EVENT WAS HELD WEDNESDAY AT THE ANGUS BARN.. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT MORE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHELLY BELK. RE

AUGUST 26 – ON MAY 1ST THE UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE LAUNCHED AN INNOVATIVE COMPETITION AIMED AT REDUCING CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN THE TRIANGLE AREA, WITH ONE WINNING IDEA RECEIVING \$50,000. THE CALL TO ARMS DREW MORE THAN 40 ENTRIES AND, NEARLY FOUR MONTHS LATER, FOUR FINALISTS REMAIN. JOSH ZACH HAS THE STORY OF ONE FINALIST WHO'S IDEA IS ALL ABOUT GETTING THE DAY OFF TO THE RIGHT START. RE

SEPTEMBER 10 – A NEW SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION HADASSAH AND RELEASED TODAY FINDS THAT MOST WOMEN ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR WORK-LIFE BALANCE, BUT ONE IN FOUR WOMEN WHO ARE BREADWINNERS SAY THE DEMANDS OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIVES LEAVE THEM FEELING UNSATISFIED. CBS' JIM TAYLOR TALKS WITH DR. JANICE WEINMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO OF HADASSA WHICH RELEASED THE STUDY. RE

SO – Social Media

JULY 1 – BY NOW WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE D-I-Y MOVEMENT ... DOING IT YOURSELF SAVES MONEY AND YOU ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING NEW ALONG THE WAY. NOW THERE'S A SPIN-OFF OF D.I.Y. CALLED ... LIFE HACKS ... A SIMPLE, USUALLY COST-FREE WAY TO MODIFY YOUR CURRENT TECH DEVICES OR EVERYDAY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO IMPROVE THEIR USEFULNESS. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH USA TODAY TECH COLUMNIST JENNIFER JOLLY ABOUT HER NEW SUMMER LIST OF LIFE HACKS. SO

JULY 9 – TECH COMPANIES ARE AT WAR AND YOUR TECH DEVICES ARE THEIR BATTLEGROUND. BOTH APPLE AND GOOGLE ARE INTRODUCING NEW INTER-CONNECTED GADGETS FOR YOUR BODY, YOUR CAR AND YOUR HOUSE AND THEY'LL BE LINKED. ONCE YOU BUY ONE GADGET YOU HAVE TO BUY ALL OTHER GADGETS IF YOU WANT THEM TO BE LINKED. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT THESE "LOCK-IN WARS" FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN AND WHAT THAT MEANS. SO

JULY 18 – IN OUR "ON THE GO" SOCIETY, IMAGINE BEING ABLE WATCH WHAT'S ON YOUR TV AT HOME...WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT HOME. BRIAN FREEMAN SPEAKS WITH BRIAN JAQUET (JAY-QUIT) FROM SLINGBOX ABOUT A NEW AND CHEAPER WAY TO DO JUST THAT. SO

JULY 28 – WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW SOMETHING FAST, WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU GOOGLE IT, OF COURSE! AND SIMILAR TO NIELSEN KEEPING TRACK OF WHO'S WATCHING WHAT ON TV, GOOGLE KEEPS TRACK OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING FOR. JOSH ZACH TALKED TO GOOGLE'S TREND MANAGER, ROYA SOLEIMANI (ROY-UH SOO-LEH-MAH-NEE), TO FIND OUT THE MOST POPULAR ITEMS THAT PEOPLE "GOOGLED" THIS PAST WEEK . SO

JULY 30 – ONLINE DATING WEBSITE "OK CUPID" MIGHT NOT BE "OK" WITH USERS AFTER A RECENT EXPERIMENT. WPTF'S BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT MORE FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN. SO

AUGUST 6 – DID YOU WANT TO THROW A ROCKIN' HOUSE PARTY -- COMPLETE WITH A CELEBRITY BAND -- THAT YOUR GUESTS (AND NEIGHBORS) WOULD TALK ABOUT FOR YEARS TO COME? IT COULD HAPPEN. BRIAN FREEMAN TAKES THE "HIGHWAY TO THE DANGER ZONE" IN THIS INTERVIEW WITH MEN'S HEALTH EDITOR GREGG STEBBEN. SO

AUGUST 20 – GETTING THE SILENT TREATMENT FROM YOUR KIDS? A NEW APP LETS YOU LOCK THEIR PHONE UNTIL THEY RESPOND. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN FROM MEN'S HEALTH.COM. SO

AUGUST 21 – AS SCAMMERS CONTINUE TO TARGET THE CUSTOMERS OF UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, DUKE ENERGY IS REMINDING ITS CUSTOMERS NOT TO FALL VICTIM TO FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH KRISTINA HILL WITH DUKE ENERGY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS. SO

SEPTEMBER 10 – COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY WANT TO HAVE A SAFE CAMPUS, AND UNC-CHAPEL HILL IS NO DIFFERENT. THE UNIVERSITY IS PROMOTING A NEW APP WHICH TURNS SMARTPHONES INTO PERSONAL SAFETY DEVICES. YET, STUDENTS KNOW LITTLE OF THE APP DESPITE ITS ANNOUNCEMENT LAST MONTH. ELISE MCGLOTHIAN (EL-EESE MICK-GLOW-THAN) REPORTS FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST FROM THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. SO

SEPTEMBER 10 – APPLE UNVEILED ITS LATEST IPHONE YESTERDAY AND A SMARTWATCH, BUT ARE THEY WORTH THE BUZZ THEY'RE GETTING? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH GREGG STEBBEN FROM MEN'S HEALTH RADIO TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE IWATCH. SO

SEPTEMBER 30 – IT'S A CULTURAL PHENOMENON THAT HAS SWEEPED THE NATION: MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE PLOPPING DOWN ON THE COUCH FOR A NETFLIX OR HULU MARATHON, STOPPING ONLY BRIEFLY TO GRAB ANOTHER BAG OF CHIPS, OR CALL IN AN ORDER FOR PIZZA. BUT NOW THERE'S A PLAN FOR THOSE OF US HOPELESSLY ADDICTED TO BINGE-WATCHING. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. SO

SP – Sports/Games/Races

JULY 1 – THE US WORLD CUP TEAM HAS SURVIVED AND ADVANCED TO THE KNOCKOUT STAGE IN BRAZIL... FORMER TEAM USA MEMBER JIMMY CONRAD IS COVERING THE TOURNAMENT FOR CBS NEWS... HE SPOKE WITH OUR SCOTT BRIGGAMAN AS THE US PREPARES TO BELGIUM. SP

JULY 7 – A DURHAM TEEN SAYS FORMER UNC BASKETBALL PLAYER PJ HAIRSTON PUNCHED HIM SUNDAY AT A DURHAM YMCA. WTVD TV'S JOE MAZER HAS THE STORY. SP

JULY 9 – THE TRIPLE-A ALL-STAR GAME IS COMING TO DURHAM WITH FESTIVITIES BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND AND THE GAME OFFICIALLY NEXT WEDNESDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH SHELLY GREEN, PRESIDENT AND C-E-O OF DURHAM CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE BULL CITY. SP

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JULY 14 – THE WORLD CUP WRAPPED UP OVER THE WEEKEND WITH A STUNNING WIN. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT STEVE FUTTERMAN REPORTS. SP

JULY 18 – U.S. REPRESENTATIVE D-DAVID PRICE JOINED THE DAVID GLENN SHOW ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS A BILL HE HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED, ALONG WITH TOM PETRI - A WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN. THE BILL - KNOWN AS STANDARDIZATION OF COLLEGIATE OVERSIGHT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES (SCORE) ACT - AIMS TO PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN THE REPORTING OF SPORT-BY-SPORT REVENUE AND EXPENSE DATA THEY REPORT TO THE NCAA EVERY YEAR, INCLUDING THAT OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS. SP

JULY 23 TOM KEARNEY SHOW - BETHANY BRADSHAW TALKS ABOUT HER NEW BOOK "BONES MCKINNEY: BASKETBALL'S UNFORGETTABLE SHOWMAN" – SP

JULY 30 – THE GOVERNING BODY FOR COLLEGE ATHLETICS HAS AGREED TO SETTLE A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HEAD INJURY SUIT. SP

SEPTEMBER 10 – NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL BROKE HIS SILENCE ON TUESDAY AND SPOKE -- ONE ON ONE -- WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" CO-ANCHOR NORAH O'DONNELL ABOUT THE RAY RICE VIDEO. SP

SEPTEMBER 30 – FOR THE FIRST TIME A GRAND JURY DECIDED NOT TO HAND UP AN INDICTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ON TRACK INCIDENT LAST MONTH THAT LED TO THE DEATH OF KEVIN WARD JUNIOR. NASCAR DRIVER TONY STEWART SPOKE TO REPORTERS AND FIELDERD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE HE GOES FROM HERE SP

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“INTERVIEW WITH SHARON DECKER”, SECRETARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SHARON DECKER BIO, PRIVATIZATION AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BILL, RECRUITING JOBS TO NC, TAX REFORM, INCENTIVES, TRAVEL AND TOURISM, DEVELOPING SMALL BUSINESS, BENEFIT OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, IMPROVING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL NC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON A GLOBAL SCALE, GROWING AGRICULTURE IN NC, ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM THE RECESSION IN NC, VALUE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, RECRUITING CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, K-12 IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF ATTRACTING BUSINESSES

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

WHAT IS MOTIVATING NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS AS THE FALL GENERAL ELECTION NEARS? JOE STEWART AND MATT BALES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION TALK ABOUT RESULTS OF THEIR ANALYSIS AND EXPLAIN THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN OUR STATE THAT ARE USHERING IN CHANGES IN LONG-STANDING VOTING BEHAVIOR AS WELL. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST ON THE JULY 15 CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF RACE IN DISTRICT 6 FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. HE DISCUSSES THE DIFFERENCES IN THE CAMPAIGN TACTICS OF REPUBLICANS PHIL BERGER JR. AND MARK WALKER, WHO ARE VYING FOR THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE SEAT HELD FOR DECADES BY RETIRING REP. HOWARD COBLE. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE LATEST FROM THE KAY HAGAN CAMPAIGN IN THE SENATOR'S FIGHT FOR RE-ELECTION, WHICH SEEMS TO BE A FOCUS ON TURNING OUT SINGLE WOMEN AS HAGAN FACES REPUBLICAN HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS AND LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH IN THE FALL. HENDERSON ALSO EXPLAINS WHY A SLEW OF REPUBLICANS ARE IN THE POLITICAL CROSSHAIRS OF OPPONENTS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING. THEN MARTINEZ FOCUSES ON THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. WE REVISIT CONVERSATIONS WITH DEMOCRATS GARDENIA HENLEY AND JOSH BRANNON, BOTH OF WHOM ARE HOPING TO WIN THE DAY ON JULY 15 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO FACE GOP CONGRESSIONAL INCUMBENT VIRGINIA FOXX IN NOVEMBER. EARLY VOTING IN BOTH CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY RUNOFFS BEGAN JULY 3 AND CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 12, WITH ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAY, JULY 15.

PA BLOCK FOR 7-13-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

“INTERVIEW WITH PAT MCCRORY”, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, PRIVATIZATION IN NC COMMERCE, TAX REFORM, MEDICAID SPENDING, STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH IN NC, IMPROVING ECONOMIC DISPARITY THROUGHOUT NC, COLLABORATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, DROPOUT RATES AND RETENTION, DISTANCE LEARNING, PUPPY MILL LEGISLATION, IMPROVING BASIC OPERATIONS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES IN NC, IMPACT OF MILITARY IN NC, COAL ASH SPILL LEGISLATION, AND ENERGY PRODUCTION IN NC.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

PRIMARY RUN-OFFS: IT'S DOWN TO THE WIRE FOR PRIMARY RUNOFF CANDIDATES AS ELECTION DAY LOOMS ON TUESDAY, JULY 15. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST ON LAST MINUTE CAMPAIGNING IN THE 6TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO DISCUSS THE FRENZIED BATTLE BETWEEN REPUBLICANS PHIL BERGER JR. AND MARK WALKER, THEIR VARYING ENDORSEMENTS, AND THEIR DIFFERENT CAMPAIGN STYLES. HENDERSON ALSO ANALYZES COMMENTS MADE ON THE TRAIL BY 2ND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE CLAY AIKEN ABOUT WHAT KIND OF CONGRESSMAN HE'D BE IF ELECTED. AIKEN IS CHALLENGING REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS IN NOVEMBER. THEN WE TURN TO A CONVERSATION WITH GOV. PAT MCCRORY, WHO THIS WEEK TALKED ABOUT HIS ECONOMIC VISION FOR THE STATE, PARTICULARLY ITS SMALLER TOWNS, WITH DON CURTIS OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE LEGAL CHALLENGE TO NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION REFORM LAW - PARTICULARLY THE PROVISION TO BEGIN REQUIRING A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE. THIS WEEK A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IN THE TRIAD HEARD FROM CRITICS WHO ARE SEEKING AN INJUNCTION TO KEEP PROVISIONS OF THE LAW FROM TAKING EFFECT. WE HEAR FROM ALLISON RIGGS OF THE SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, WHO GAVE OPENING STATEMENTS IN THE CASE. HER GROUP OPPOSES THE LAW. WE ALSO HEAR FROM SUSAN MYRICK OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE, WHO ALSO WAS IN THE COURTROOM. MYRICK'S ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS THE LAW. AS OF PEOPLE IN POLITICS PRODUCTION DEADLINE, THE JUDGE HAD NOT YET RULED. AND FINALLY, WE LOOK AT THE MONEY TRAIL FOR THE U.S. SENATE RACE, WHERE MULTI-MILLIONS HAVE ALREADY POURED IN TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN AND HER REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER THOM TILLIS. MATT BALES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION ANALYZES THE NUMBERS FOR MARTINEZ. THE TWO ALSO TALK ABOUT RUMORS THAT KEY NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS ARE PLANNING TO STEP UP THEIR GAME IN ORDER TO TRY AND UNSEAT REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS IN THE FALL.

PA BLOCK FOR 7-20-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH PAUL MEYER", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

ROLE OF THE NC LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, COMPANIONSHIP WITH THE NC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY AND CITY JURISDICTIONS, COUNTY-OPERATED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES, ANNEXATION, UNIFORM BUILDING CODES, BUDGETS OF MUNICIPALITIES, FUEL TAX REVENUE, DORTHEA DIX PROPERTY, CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION, POPULATION DRAIN IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES, PUBLIC SAFETY, PRIVILEGE LICENSES, HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, STATE HISTORIC TAX CREDIT, CAP ON LOCAL SALES TAXES, AND TAX INCENTIVES.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

POLITICAL STUNNER IN THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN RUNOFF AS NEWCOMER MARK WALKER TROUNCES THE RACE FAVORITE, PHIL BERGER JR, 60 TO 40 PERCENT. BERGER HAD WON THE INITIAL PRIMARY IN MAY. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH WALKER ABOUT HIS WIN AND WHAT HE EXPECTS TO TALK ABOUT GOING INTO THE GENERAL ELECTION. THEN MARTINEZ DISCUSSES THE DYNAMICS OF THE RACE WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS REACTION TO WALKER'S WIN FROM HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT, LAURA FJELD, WHO ON ELECTION NIGHT LASHED OUT AT WALKER AND CALLED HIM AN "EXTREMIST." ALSO OF DISCUSSION IS THE RUNOFF RESULT IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHERE DEMOCRAT JOSH BRANNON DEFEATED FELLOW DEMOCRAT GARDENIA HENLEY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT VIRGINIA FOXX IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS THE DEBATE OVER DEBATES IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE. DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN WANTS VERY FEW DEBATES, WHILE HER REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, IS PROPOSING 10. THEN WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE IMPENDING 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. PASTORS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE RULING, WHICH IS EXPECTED ANYTIME, COULD IMPERIL NORTH CAROLINA'S CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. YOU'LL HEAR COMMENTS FROM PASTOR DAVE KISTLER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PASTOR NETWORK.

THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION HAS NAMED GOV. PAT MCCRORY TO ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHILE THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION HAS RELEASED A VIDEO OF MCCRORY DISCUSSING HIS PRIORITIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA. THE GOVERNOR IN HIS OWN WORDS.

PA BLOCK FOR 7-27-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH NICK PETRO", WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RALEIGH

IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER MODELS, ACCESS TO WEATHER INFORMATION, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PREDICTIVE WEATHER MODELS, VARIATIONS IN STORM DAMAGE, HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTORS, OUTLOOK FOR 2014 HURRICANE SEASON, IMPACT OF WATER TEMPERATURE ON HURRICANE STRENGTH AND DEVELOPMENT, FLASH FLOODING, IMPACT OF 2014 SPRING ON NC AGRICULTURE, VARIATIONS IN WEATHER IN SHORT DISTANCES, LONG RANGE FORECASTING, AIR QUALITY REPORTING, ULTRAVIOLENT RAYS, IMPACT OF PRESSURE ON WEATHER, HUMIDITY, SEVERE WEATHER PREPARATION, AND SEVERE WEATHER WATCH AND SEVERE WEATHER WARNING.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

KAY HAGAN'S CAMPAIGN STRATEGY CATCHES THE ATTENTION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, WHICH NOTES THAT HAGAN IS BYPASSING THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND RUNNING HER CAMPAIGN OUT OF THE WAKE COUNTY PARTY OFFICES. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS ABOUT THE STORY WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON, WHO EXPLAINS THAT THE VERY PUBLIC PROBLEMS WITH THE PARTY STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP ARE THE SOURCE OF THE MOVE BY HAGAN. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS NEW POLLING THAT SHOWS HAGAN HAS EXPANDED HER LEAD OVER REPUBLICAN RIVAL THOM TILLIS AND THAT LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE SEAN HAUGH CONTINUES TO PULL 8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. HENDERSON ALSO PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS, WHERE COLLEAGUES BUT CAMPAIGN RIVALS ARE VOWING TO KEEP A CIVILIZED TONE AS THE ELECTION NEARS. DISCUSSION ALSO TURNS TO DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD'S EFFORT, ALONG WITH THREE DOZEN HOUSE DEMOCRATS, TO CONVINCE GOVERNORS WHO CHOSE NOT TO CREATE STATE EXCHANGES FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS. GOV. PAT MCCRORY IS AMONG THOSE WHO DECLINED TO START A STATE EXCHANGE. THIRTY-SIX STATES DID NOT.

THEN WE CONTINUE OUR LOOK AT THE JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS BY FOCUSING ON FUNDRAISING TOTALS FOR THE CANDIDATES. JOE STEWART OF THE N.C. FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION ANALYZES THE NUMBERS AND THE RACES. AND FINALLY, WE TURN TO COMMENTS MADE BY FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON ABOUT THE POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF WIFE HILLARY, AND FUNDRAISING TOTALS FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES. RECENT TOTALS SHOW NATIONAL DEMOCRATS OUT-RAISING NATIONAL REPUBLICANS.

PA BLOCK FOR 8-3-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ELAINE MARSHALL", NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE

FRAUD AND PONZI SCHEMES, ELAINE MARSHALL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, JURISDICTION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BUSINESS, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LLC AND CORPORATION, PROFESSIONS LICENSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, URL REGISTRY, IMPORTANCE OF NOTARY, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS, AND OVERSIGHT OF LOBBISTS.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

NORTH CAROLINA'S VOTER-APPROVED MARRIAGE AMENDMENT IS IN THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL CROSSHAIRS FOLLOWING A RULING ON VIRGINIA'S SIMILAR BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE THAT HAS BEEN RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT THE RULING AND REACTION FROM ALL ANGLES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER, WHO SAYS HIS OFFICE WILL STOP DEFENDING THE STATE AGAINST

LEGAL CHALLENGES TO THE AMENDMENT, WHICH PASSED WITH OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AT THE POLLS IN 2012. THEN WE HEAR FROM CHRIS BROOK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU ABOUT HIS ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT OF GAY MARRIAGE AND FROM TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE N.C. VALUES COALITION ABOUT HER GROUP'S OPPOSITION TO GAY MARRIAGE. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ DELVES INTO POLLING ON THE HIGHLY CHARGED ISSUE WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY JENSEN'S DATA ON THE U.S. SENATE RACE AND WHY THE KAY HAGAN CAMPAIGN IS SMILING RIGHT NOW, AS WELL AS NEW NUMBERS THAT SHOW BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE EXTREMELY UNPOPULAR WITH VOTERS.

THEN CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HBO HOST BILL MAHER IS PAYING SUCH CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN RENEE ELLMERS AND DEMOCRAT CLAY AIKEN. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS KAY HAGAN'S LATEST AD, WHICH POSITIONS HER AS A CENTRIST INTERESTED IN BI-PARTISAN SOLUTIONS.

PA BLOCK FOR 8-10-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DAVID PRICE", UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATUS OF INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, POTENTIAL OF SEQUESTRATION, FUNDING FOR NOAA LAB IN BEAUFORT, NC, FUNDING FOR UNITED STATES COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXTENSION, IMMIGRATION REFORM, VOTING RIGHTS ACT, RESOLUTION TO HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, DIPLOMACY IN IRAN, FUNCTION OF THE SCORE ACT, COAL ASH STORAGE AND DISPOSAL REFORM, REFORM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

AFTER MONTHS OF DEBATE, DISCUSSION, AND MORE DEBATE, WE HAVE A NEW STATE BUDGET. AND IT INCLUDES PROVISIONS CLOSE TO THE HEART OF LT. GOV. DAN FOREST, WHO'S BEEN TOUTING EDUCATION REFORM SINCE HIS DAYS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH FOREST ABOUT A NEW EDUCATION ENDOWMENT, PAY RAISES FOR TEACHERS, THE STATE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMY, THE FUTURE OF FRACKING, AND THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN WHO HAVE MADE THEIR WAY INTO NORTH CAROLINA AS PART OF THE RECENT WAVE ACROSS THE U.S. BORDER. THEN CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ THAT OUR STATE'S 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE IS DRAWING EVEN MORE NATIONAL ATTENTION. THIS WEEK POLITICAL ANALYST CHARLIE COOK MOVED HIS RATING OF THE RACE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER CLAY AIKEN FROM "LIKELY REPUBLICAN" TO "SOLID REPUBLICAN." THE CHANGE COMES IN THE WAKE OF HBO HOST BILL MAHER'S CAMPAIGN TO GET HIS VIEWERS TO ELECT AIKEN OVER ELLMERS. THEN HENDERSON UPDATES MARTINEZ ON RECENT EYE SURGERY FOR DEMOCRATIC SEN. KAY HAGAN. NEXT IS A LOOK AT A MOVE BY STATE LEGISLATORS TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS TO STATE CAMPAIGNS. MARTINEZ GETS THE DETAILS FROM JANE PINSKY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR LOBBYING AND GOVERNMENT REFORM. PINSKY ALSO TALKS ABOUT HER CONTINUING PUSH TO REFORM THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA. THEN JOE STEWART OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION ANALYZES THE STATE'S ELECTIVE SEATS ON THE JUDICIARY. AND FINALLY, WE LOOK BACK AT NORTH CAROLINA'S CONNECTION TO THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION AS THE COUNTRY MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD NIXON. PEOPLE IN POLITICS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH RUFUS EDMISTEN, WHO WORKED FOR N.C. SEN SAM ERVIN, THE MAN WHO LED THE SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO WATERGATE AND NIXON. EDMISTEN BECAME NORTH CAROLINA'S SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE TALKS ABOUT NIXON AND SERVING THE SUBPOENA ON THE WHITE HOUSE.

PA BLOCK FOR 8-17-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RAN COBLE", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

LEGISLATIVE SHORT SESSION REVIEW, PASSING THE STATE BUDGET, TEACHER PAY RAISES, BUDGET ALLOCATIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TRANSFERRING THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, REDUCING FILM INCENTIVES, CONVERTING PARTS OF THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING LEGISLATION, DELAY IN COAL ASH SPILL LEGISLATION, POSTPONING MEDICAID CHANGES, AND CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM TUITION AND STUDENT AID

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE FALL BALLOT WILL BE JAMMED WITH RACES FOR U.S. SENATE, CONGRESS, AND STATE LEGISLATURE, BUT VOTERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO GIVE A THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN TO A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH N.C. HOUSE SPEAKER PRO TEM PAUL "SKIP" STAM, R-WAKE, ABOUT HIS SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT WHICH, IF PASSED, WOULD ALSO DEFENDANTS TO WAIVE A JURY TRIAL. STAM, AN ATTORNEY, EXPLAINS WHY HE THINKS THE CHANGE WILL HELP THE EFFICIENCY OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND MAKE IT MORE JUST. THEN MARTINEZ AND STAM DISCUSS LAST WEEK'S RULING BY A FEDERAL JUDGE THAT NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION REFORM LAW IS ENFORCEABLE. THE LAW HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF VOCAL CRITICISM FROM THE N.C. NAACP AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER. STAM ALSO OFFERS HIS VIEW ON THE NEWLY PASSED STATE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE HOTLY DEBATED ISSUE OF OFFERING TAX CREDITS TO THE FILM AND TV INDUSTRY. THEN 4TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE EXPLAINS WHY HE IS CRITICAL OF MOVES BY THE REPUBLICAN IN THE LEGISLATURE WHEN IT COMES TO THE ELECTION LAW CHANGES AND THE DECISION TO EXIT THE FEDERAL EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY PERSPECTIVE ON THE U.S. SENATE RACE FROM POLITICAL ANALYST DOUG RAYMOND, WHO SAYS THE KAY HAGAN CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT TO MAKE A MISTAKE FOLLOWING MONTHS OF GOOD CAMPAIGN DECISIONS. THE BARRAGE OF ADVERTISING SET TO RUN OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ON BEHALF OF DEMOCRAT HAGAN AND HER REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, ARE THEN SCRUTINIZED BY RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. IN THE WEEKLY "ON THE TRAIL" SEGMENT, HENDERSON UPDATES MARTINEZ ON MESSAGING FROM THE TWO MAJOR CANDIDATES, POLLS THAT SHOW THE RACE A DEAD HEAT, AND WHY THE HAGAN CAMP IS CHOOSING TO GO AFTER TILLIS ON EDUCATION. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS A NATIONAL PUBLICATION'S PROFILE OF DEMOCRAT CLAY AIKEN, WHO IS RUNNING IN THE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AGAINST REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS, AND THE DEBATE SCHEDULE FOR REPUBLICAN MARK WALKER AND DEMOCRAT LAURA FJELD IN THE 6TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE.

PA BLOCK FOR 8-24-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BETH WOOD", NORTH CAROLINA STATE AUDITOR

BETH WOOD BACKGROUND, REWARDING DEPARTMENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE SPENDING, STATE AUDITOR JURISDICTION, AVERAGE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AUDIT, ASSESSING TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS IN NORTH CAROLINA, SECURITY OF STATE COMPUTER SYSTEMS, HOW AGENCIES ARE SELECTED FOR AUDIT, JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVENUE, NOTICE PROVIDED TO AUDITED ENTITIES, AUDIT OF NCTRACKS, AUDITING CASH TRANSACTIONS, PREVALENCE OF KICKBACKS, FRAUD PROSECUTION, PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUDITS, MONITORING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD, COORDINATING WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR AUDITS, AUDIT OF THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND NC RURAL CENTER MONITORING INCENTIVES.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

RACES FOR SEATS ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK AS GOV. PAT MCCRORY APPOINTS TWO CANDIDATES TO OPEN SEATS, IN EFFECT MAKING THEM THE INCUMBENTS IN THE RACES. YOU'LL HEAR GOV. MCCRORY'S COMMENTS ABOUT WHY HE'S ELEVATING SITTING JUSTICE MARK MARTIN TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE SEAT BEING VACATED BY RETIRING CHIEF JUSTICE SARAH PARKER. YOU'LL ALSO HEAR OTHER HIGH-PROFILE ENDORSERS OF JUSTICE MARTIN, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE APPOINTMENT CEREMONY: FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE BURLEY MITCHELL AND CURRENT JUSTICE BARBARA PARKER. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ DELVES INTO THE POLITICS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN, AS WELL AS THE SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT OF BOB HUNTER TO FILL MARTIN'S EMPTY SEAT, WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL'S RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO DISCUSS REACTION FROM MARTIN'S POLITICAL OPPONENT FOR THE SEAT, OLA LEWIS, AS WELL AS WHETHER THE "NONPARTISAN" APPROACH TO JUDICIAL ELECTIONS IS REAL CONSIDERING THAT BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ENDORSE A SLATE OF CANDIDATES.

THEN WE TURN TO THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE, WITH BOTH KAY HAGAN AND THOM TILLIS UP ON THE AIR WITH ADVERTISING. MARTINEZ ALSO TALKS WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT NEW DATA SHOWING HAGAN STILL LEADS TILLIS BUT HER MARGIN IS SHRINKING. TILLIS' BIG PROBLEM, SAYS JENSEN, IS LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH WHO IS PULLING 8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, THOUGH MOST OF THE HAUGH VOTERS SAY THEIR SECOND CHOICE IS TILLIS. AND FINALLY, WE HEAR FROM 4TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE, WHO SPEAKS ABOUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND WHY HE THINKS HOUSE REPUBLICANS HAVE SHIRKED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS A COMPREHENSIVE REFORM PLAN.

PA BLOCK FOR 8-31-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE", PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS

BLUE MOON ELECTIONS, U.S. SENATE RACE BETWEEN THOM TILLIS AND KAY HAGAN, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, U.S. SENATE RACE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES, REDISTRICTING, ISOLATIONISM, ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DEPENDENCE IN THE U.S., HYDROLIC FRACTURING, OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN N.C., N.C. CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE RACES, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE POSITION, REVIEW OF GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, 2015 STATE BUDGET, MEDICAID SPENDING IN NC, CAPITATION, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE IMPLEMENTATION

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

NEARLY A DOZEN FORMER LEGISLATORS HAVE MADE THE LIST OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL LOBBYISTS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE DETAILS ON WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY REPRESENT FROM PAIGE WORSHAM, POLICY ANALYST AND ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO LOBBY LAWMAKERS. THEN WE TURN TO THE FRICTION OVER AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT. TOM CAMPBELL, HOST OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS TV SHOW "NC SPIN" TALKS ABOUT HIS RECENT INTERVIEW WITH GOV. PAT MCCRORY, WHO COMMENTED ON THE TOPIC. NEXT IS A LOOK AT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH HOUSE SPEAKER PRO TEM PAUL "SKIP" STAM, R-WAKE, ABOUT HIS SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT, AS WELL AS HIS REACTION TO A RECENT LEGAL RULING ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION REFORM PACKAGE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY PERSPECTIVE ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT TO CHARLOTTE ON TUESDAY, WHERE HE SPOKE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION. THE PRESIDENT WAS MET ON THE CHARLOTTE TARMAC BY DEMOCRATIC SEN. KAY HAGAN, WHO HAS CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT FOR SCANDALS AT THE VA. HAGAN IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO HER U.S. SENATE SEAT, AND HER CRITICISM WAS DEEMED TO BE ELECTION POLITICS BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE CAROLINIAN. YOU'LL HEAR HIS PERSPECTIVE, ALONG WITH REACTION FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS MORE NATIONAL ATTENTION THAT IS BEING GIVEN TO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE CLAY AIKEN IN HIS RACE TO DEFEAT REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS FOR THE 2ND DISTRICT SEAT.

PA BLOCK FOR 9-7-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JUSTICE ROBERT ORR", PARTNER AT POYNER AND SPRUILL AND FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

NC CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE FOR BALANCED BUDGET, HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, GAY MARRIAGE, DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IN NC CONSTITUTION, NC SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM, ELECTING JUDGES, VOTER LAW, REDISTRICTING, GAMBLING LAW, NCAA VS. ED O'BANNON DECISION, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM ATTEMPT TO UNIONIZE, AUTONOMY OF THE FIVE POWER NCAA CONFERENCES

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK, IT WAS FACE TO FACE INTRIGUE IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TAKES LISTENERS THROUGH HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATEWIDE DEBATE BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT SEN. KAY HAGAN AND HER REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. THE CANDIDATES EXCHANGE VIEWS AND REFUTE CLAIMS ON ISSUES AS WIDE RANGING AS EDUCATION FUNDING, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S POLICY DECISIONS, AND ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES. THE DEBATE WAS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND MODERATED BY NORAH O'DONNELL OF CBS NEWS. THEN WE HEAR FROM THE THIRD CANDIDATE IN THE RACE, LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH. MARTINEZ GIVES LISTENERS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR HER INTERVIEW WITH HAUGH. THE TWO TALKED EARLIER THIS SUMMER. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES SOME OF THE LATEST POLLING DATA ON THE SENATE RACE, COURTESY OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. AND FINALLY, CAROLINA JOURNALMANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT THE A BIG ENDORSEMENT IN THE RACE FOR SEATS ON NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGH COURT.

PA BLOCK FOR 9-14-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DR. R. SCOTT RALLS", PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

HOW THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OPERATES, DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, STATES WITH SIMILAR SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOUSING, ATHLETICS, LARGEST CAMPUSES, STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO UNIVERSITIES, DISTANCE LEARNING, TEXTBOOKS, DUAL ENROLLMENT, PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS IN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS, PERFORMANCE OF K-12 SYSTEM, ACCELERATED COMPETENCY MODELS, COST OF EDUCATION, STUDENT POPULATION, STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, POPULAR PROGRAMS, RESPONDING TO THE JOB MARKET, PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES, SYSTEM BUDGET

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

JUST DAYS AFTER FACING HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS IN THE FIRST OF THREE TELEVISED STATEWIDE U.S. SENATE DEBATES, SEN. KAY HAGAN DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE IN A TELEVISED DEBATE SPONSORED BY MEDIA POWERHOUSES TIME-WARNER NEWS, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, AND THE RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ HE'S NOT SURPRISED BY HAGAN'S DECISION, DESPITE A NECK-AND-NECK RACE WITH TILLIS THAT SHOWS HER WITH HIGH DISAPPROVAL RATINGS. MILLS ALSO EXPLAINS WHY HE THINKS TILLIS SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO HAGAN FOR SOMETHING HE SAID IN THE FIRST DEBATE. THEN WE TURN TO THE IMPACT OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS ON THE FALL RACES. DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT BRAD CRONE BELIEVES THEY WILL DECIDE THE ELECTION. HE ALSO OFFERS HIS PREDICTION ON WHO WILL WIN THE SENATE RACE, AND WHICH PARTY WILL CONTROL THE SENATE AFTER THE ELECTION. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT TWO NORTH CAROLINA BROTHERS, BOTH WELL KNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES, WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF A NEW FILM CALLED "WOODHOUSE DIVIDED." MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ONE HALF OF THE FAMILY UNIT -- DALLAS WOODHOUSE -- WHO, WITH BROTHER BRAD, ARE FEATURED IN THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT POLITICAL HARDBALL. THE FILM CHRONICLES THE DEBATE OVER PASSAGE OF OBAMACARE AND THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AS DALLAS, A CONSERVATIVE WHO RAN THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY, AND HIS BROTHER BRAD, WHO WAS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BUTTED HEADS IN A RAW CONFLICT THAT DALLAS BELIEVES IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES. DALLAS ALSO TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE THINKS THOM TILLIS HAS A LEGITIMATE SHOT AT BEATING KAY HAGAN, AND WHY HE THINKS CRITICS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION LAW CHANGES ARE ENGAGED IN LEGAL FOLLY.

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"INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

PUBLIC POLICY POLLING PHILOSOPHY, NC U.S. SENATE POLL, IMPACT OF INDEPENDENT VOTERS IN SENATE RACE, POTENTIAL MAKE UP OF U.S. SENATE, GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY APPROVAL RATINGS, IMPACT OF NEGATIVE ADVERTISING, PROPORTION OF PARTY-AFFILIATED VOTERS, PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS WHO

CHANGE CANDIDATE PREFERENCE, VOTING TENDENCIES BY GENDER, NAME RECOGNITION WITHIN THE GENERAL POPULATION OF NC, PUBLIC OPINION OF NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL, PUBLIC OPINION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, POLLING ON KANSAS CITY ROYALS, POPULARITY OF NASCAR, POPULARITY OF BILL CLINTON, REPUBLICAN POTENTIAL POLITICAL CANDIDATES, ROLE OF EDUCATION IN U.S. SENATE RACE, ROLE OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN U.S. SENATE RACE

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WILL BE FULL WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF RACES FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS TO DECIDE, BUT SOME MAY NOT REALIZE THAT FOUR SEATS ON THE STATE SUPREME COURT ARE UP FOR GRABS. THIS WEEK WE LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES SEEKING THOSE FOUR SEATS, WHICH WERE THE FOCUS OF A TRIANGLE CANDIDATE FORUM MODERATED BY PEOPLE IN POLITICS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ. FIRST UP IS THE RACE FOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE SEAT ON THE COURT. CURRENT CHIEF JUSTICE MARK MARTIN IS SEEKING A FULL TERM AND FACES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OLA LEWIS. WE HEAR MARTIN'S DISCUSSION WITH MARTINEZ, INCLUDING HIS VIEWS ON THE KEY CHALLENGES FACING THE STATE'S JUSTICE SYSTEM. JUDGE LEWIS HAD CONFIRMED HER ATTENDANCE BUT CANCELLED IN THE HOURS BEFORE THE EVENT. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY JUSTICE BOB HUNTER. HUNTER AND HIS OPPONENT, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SAM ERVIN IV, DISCUSSES THE DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES IN THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. NEXT ARE COMMENTS FROM CANDIDATES JUSTICE ROBIN HUDSON AND SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ERIC LEVINSON. THE TWO ARE VYING FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY HUDSON. THEY DISCUSS THEIR JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE IMPACT OF OUTSIDE GROUPS ON JUDICIAL RACES. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ MODERATES THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY AND ATTORNEY MIKE ROBINSON. BOTH ARE VYING FOR THE SUPREME COURT SEAT NOW HELD BY BEASLEY.

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"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD", PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

IMPACT OF FOREIGN POLICY ON 2014 ELECTIONS, BRITISH EMPIRE, NC U.S. SENATE RACE AD CAMPAIGNS, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, REFORM, AND FUNDING, GAS TAX, IMPACT OF ADVERTISING, U.S. SENATE PROJECTIONS FOR 2014 ELECTIONS, AGENDA FOR REPUBLICANS WITH SENATE MAJORITY, NC ECONOMIC CLIMATE, PRIVATIZING PORTION OF NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE, EVALUATING GOVERNOR MCCRORY, UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NC CONGRESS PERFORMANCE, NC LEGISLATURE PREDICTIONS

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

IT'S HE SAID/SHE SAID AS THE U.S. SENATE RACE ADVERTISING WARS GEAR UP FOR THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE MIDTERM CAMPAIGN. BETWEEN OUTSIDE GROUPS AND THE CAMPAIGNS THEMSELVES, IT'S HARD TO KEEP THE CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES STRAIGHT. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON JOINS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ WITH A LOOK AT THE AD WARS, AS WELL AS WHY DEMOCRATIC SEN. KAY HAGAN'S CAMPAIGN IS SCORING POINTS WITH AN ALLEGATION THAT REPUBLICAN OPPONENT THOM TILLIS CUT \$300 MILLION FROM THE STATE'S EDUCATION BUDGET. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE HELP TILLIS IS GETTING FROM FORMER FLORIDA GOV. JEB BUSH AND CURRENT SEN. TED CRUZ OF TEXAS. THEN THE FOCUS TURNS TO THE THIRD CANDIDATE IN THE RACE, LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH. HENDERSON GIVES MARTINEZ THE DETAILS OF TWO FACEBOOK DUSTUPS HAUGH WAS CAUGHT UP IN THIS WEEK IN WHICH HE LASHED OUT AT A TILLIS SUPPORTER AND AT REPUBLICANS IN GENERAL. THEN THE SUBJECT TURNS TO THE 6TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE, WHERE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE LAURA FJELD IS CAPITALIZING ON A COMMENT ABOUT MEXICO MADE BY HER REPUBLICAN OPPONENT MARK WALKER. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE MONEY THAT'S FLOWING INTO NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE MIDTERMS, MUCH OF IT TO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. MATT BALES, RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION, DETAILS THE NUMBERS WITH MARTINEZ AND EXPLAINS WHY HE THINKS DEMOCRATS ARE ON THE WINNING END OF THE OUTSIDE MONEY GAME. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT NEW VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBERS RELEASED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND NEW DATA ON THE RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING SITES THAT WILL BE OPERATING BEGINNING NEXT MONTH. AND FINALLY, TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING EXPLAINS THE CONSISTENCY OF POLLING FROM A VARIETY OF FIRMS THAT KEEPING TRACK OF THE HAGAN/TILLIS/HAUGH SENATE RACE.